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WASHINGTON.

THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEES.

CONTINUED DISCONTENT WITH MR. KERR'S APPOINTMENTS—MR. COX LOOKS ON THEM AS THE WORK OF A SICK MAN—THE TEXAS PACIFIC AND THE PACIFIC RAILROAD COMMITTEE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The appointments made by Mr. Kerr give no better satisfaction to-day than yesterday, and it will require all the time till Congress reassembles to reconcile members to their positions. Mr. Cox pithily expresses his opinion of the assignments by the remark that "they are the work of an invalid." It is clear that a new and small clique are endeavoring to take possession of the Democratic machine, and Mr. Kerr, who is an extreme partisan, is shaping his course to serve the purposes of a few. The Republicans are well satisfied with the positions given them on the committees; but the minority is always easily satisfied in this respect, because they have no opportunities for distinction by reason of any committee assignments. Mr. Kerr is praised by some for his boldness in overstepping the bounds of precedent. That boldness gave the Ways and Means Committee to Morrison instead of Wood. "Why," ask others, "did he not, if he were to break over the wall of precedent, do a really creditable thing, and give the committee to a man who would have been regarded by the country as the most able and honest man in the House, instead of a mere personal friend?" It has been learned that a prominent Ohio politician, who labored actively in the speculators' inflation campaign, has been working to secure the appointment on the Pacific Railroad Committee of two men favorable to the subsidy. Curiously enough, both the gentlemen he specially labored for are assigned to the committee. This committee could not have been arranged more to the satisfaction of the Texas Pacific people if they had made an express agreement with Mr. Kerr previous to his election. Nobody believes the subsidy will be granted, because of the shadow of the next Presidential contest. If the election were over, the customary management in such cases would secure the passage of the subsidy bill. The South means to have it, and the South rules the party. An analysis of the committees by local distribution of chairmanships shows that only fifteen States are represented. Nine Southern States have seventeen chairmanships, four Western States, including Missouri, have fifteen, and two Northern States, New-York and Pennsylvania, have twelve.

The Appropriation Committee met to-day and organized. The estimates of the Secretary of the Treasury for the next fiscal year were presented, and plans for a division of labor on the General Appropriation bills briefly discussed. A portion of the book of estimates was assigned each member for examination, when the committee adjourned until after the holidays. Mr. Randall hopes to have the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial bill ready to report as soon as Congress reassembles.

THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE.

MR. M'PHERSON'S ACCOUNTS FOR TWELVE YEARS—THE APPOINTMENTS UNDER THE NEW CLERK.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Mr. McPherson during the twelve years he was Clerk of the House disbursed over six millions of dollars. When he had a final settlement a few days ago the Treasury accounts showed one dollar and seventy-six cents to his credit more than was shown by his own accounts.

The appointment is announced of another ex-Congressman from Kentucky under the Clerk of the House. This time it is John B. Rice, and he is made Librarian of the House in place of John James Piatt. This make the fourth ex-Congressman from Kentucky appointed to positions under the House.

SOUTHERN ELECTIONS.

WEST OF LOUISIANA AND SPENCER OF ALABAMA GONE TO MEET THE PROPOSED INVESTIGATION OF THEIR ELECTIONS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Senators West of Louisiana and Spencer of Alabama are preparing to leave for their respective States to meet the investigations that will be made touching the manner of their election to the Senate. The Louisiana Legislature will meet Jan. 3, and it is expected a resolution to appoint an investigating committee will be passed immediately after organization. The Democrats say the evidence against West has been collected and arranged, and is ready for presentation, and they claim to have a very strong case against him. The Alabama Legislature will meet on Dec. 29, when a formal investigation of the charges made against Spencer will be again begun.

THE ANTI-CATHOLIC SOCIETY.

A PROMINENT MEMBER IN WASHINGTON—WHAT HE HAS TO SAY OF THE SUBJECT OF THE FOSTER-BLAINE LETTER.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Mr. Cowles, of the Cleveland *Leader*, was in town yesterday and to-day, and went away this evening. He was interviewed to-day concerning the secret society referred to in the James G. Foster letter to Mr. Blaine. He is reported as admitting the existence of such a society, and his own connection with it. He says, however, that neither the President, Mr. Blaine, nor any others of the prominent public men are connected with it. He denies that he came to initiate any members, and he also denies that the society favors a third term. He says the document published in the *Herald* of to-day as the constitution of the society belonged to a similar organization, now defunct, and is not the constitution of the present society. That Mr. Cowles came here to talk the subject over with prominent men, among whom are Mr. Garfield and Mr. Blaine, scarcely admits of a doubt.

THE SIOUX PLOTTING MISCHIEF.

SITTING BULL PREPARING TO "ANNOY" FORTS LINCOLN AND BUFORD.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Col Houston, commanding Fort Stephenson, Dakota Territory, reports to the War Department that an Indian from Sitting Bull's camp informed him that the Sioux are preparing to commit depredations. Sitting Bull informed the Indian messenger that he intended to annoy the posts of Forts Lincoln and Buford all Winter by firing hay stacks and outbuildings and killing any one found outside the posts. Sitting Bull's camp is on Beaver Creek, at its junction with the Little Missouri, four days' ride from Fort Stephenson. Col. Houston apprised those at Forts Lincoln and Buford of Sitting Bull's purpose.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

NEW NATIONAL BANKS—A STAMP TAX ON GOLD AND SILVER—DEAD-LETTER MERCHANDISE—EX-ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY FISHER'S CASE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The National Bank of Commerce of Cincinnati, with a capital of $200,000, and the Traders' National Bank of Charlotte, N. C., with a capital of $100,000, were to-day authorized to commence business.

The Post Office Department to-day ordered mail service on the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railroad from Atchison to Edgerton Junction, Mo., —thirty miles—to begin Jan. 1. An order was issued to-day, on the recommendation of the War Department, changing the name of the Jefferson Barracks Post Office to that of Saint Louis Arsenal.

The Secretary of the Treasury recently sent to the House of Representatives a copy of a communication addressed to him by a firm in Boston, in which recommendations are made looking to legislation on the part of Congress with reference to fixing a stamp duty upon manufactures of gold and silver in this country. The writers propose that the stamp denote the quality by fixing the carat on the gold goods and one uniform standard for those of silver, and say: "Our goods could then be marketed in any part of the world, and would be valued and sought after in the manner of English and French goods. Our trade suffers because no uniform system has been adopted, and our home trade also suffers to a great extent because people are not sure they are getting what they desire; consequently many persons in this country will buy imported goods, because they know they get just the quality they pay for."

The Postmaster General has authorized a "dead-letter office auction" sale in this city, commencing on the 17th of January next. The catalogue embraces 8,600 different articles sent through the mails, but unredeemed, including books, paper, music, engravings, jewelry, neck-ties, baby clothes, socks, scarfs, violin strings, scissors, knives, shoe-brushes, gloves, stockings, corn-crushers, scythe-stones, tooth-picks, charms, asthmatic fumigators, night-caps, sheetings, ribbons, saws, and corn-huskers.

The following is the list of removals and appointments thus far made by the Clerk of the House of Representatives: Green Adams, of Kentucky, Chief Clerk, in place of Clinton Lloyd; J. B. Dalton, of Mississippi, Engrossing Clerk, vice A. D. Wood; Joseph H. Francis, of Alabama, File Clerk, vice W. B. White; John H. Patterson, of New-Jersey, principal messenger to the Chief Clerk, vice Joseph Harris; ex-Congressman Rice, of Kentucky, Librarian of the House, vice John James Piatt; Thomas S. Pettit, Tally Clerk, vice James W. Nightingale; Washington M. Hardy, of North Carolina, Assistant in the House Library, vice George W. Harris; Charles S. Voorhees, Messenger in the Clerk's office, vice John C. Rowland; P. H. Winston, of North Carolina, Folder in the Clerk's office, vice Richard H. Bartnitz. William T. Dove, of Maryland, formerly a Washington Alderman, has been appointed to a clerkship.

In the Criminal Court to-day, the counsel for Charles G. Fisher, indicted for conspiracy in connection with Green, Evans, and Leighton, and also for abstracting court papers while he was engaged with his father as Assistant United States District Attorney, filed a notice for the appointment of a Commission to take testimony in Delaware, in order to sustain their plea of insanity.

The following First Assistant Engineers have been ordered to report before the Revenue Marine Board, to convene on the 27th inst., for examination for promotion to Chief Engineers: James T. Tupper, Sidney T. Taylor, Andrew J. Dally, and John R. Dally. The following Second Assistant Engineers will be examined for promotion to First Assistant Engineers: A. F. Rockefeller, Alfred Hoyt and James B. Lucas. And the following Acting Second Assistants for admission into the service as Second Assistants: John C. McMahon, Alonzo Hendee, Benjamin F. Shaw, and D. M. C. French.

The following were the balances in the Treasury at the close of business to-day: Currency, $9.844 805; special deposit of legal tenders for the redemption of certificates of deposit, $45,675,000; coin, $68,902,600, including $21,662,100 in coin certificates; outstanding legal tenders, $372,471,772. The receipts from internal revenue to-day were $247,799 22, and from Customs $213,974 11.

The Controller of the Currency to-day declared a dividend of fifteen per cent. in favor of the creditors of the First National Bank of Washington, payable at the Receiver's office on Saturday next. This dividend makes eighty-five per cent. thus far declared in favor of creditors.

The following appointments have been made:

Storekeepers—Oscar G. Wetcher, Crosby E. Smith, James Fitzpatrick, and John T. Wilson, Fourth District of Georgia, and G. Washington Cutter, Third District of Massachusetts.

Gaugers—John P. Smith and Alexander B. Toncrov, First District of Tennessee; William L. De Beck and F. W. Jordon, First District of Ohio; Josiah Sherman and James T. Johnson, Fourth District of Georgia, and George B. Rose, First District of Indiana.

THE WHISKY CONSPIRACY.

BONDSMEN OF THE GUILTY OFFICIALS SEEKING RELIEF—GEN. BABCOCK GONE TO WASHINGTON—SENTENCES AT MILWAUKEE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Several gentlemen who are on the bonds of United States officials convicted at St. Louis for defrauding the revenue, appeared before Commissioner Pratt to-day with a view of obtaining release from their pecuniary liability to the Government under the bonds. They urged that they were made the victims of a conspiracy on the part of United States officials, and to enforce the bonds would visit severe punishment upon those who are innocent of all knowledge of, and participation in, the frauds. The Commissioner informed them that he was powerless to do anything in the matter. The law is mandatory, and the forfeiture of the real estate of the bondsman is a part of the penalty for its violation. No officer of the Government can remit any portion of the penalty, and relief can only be obtained through Congress.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21—Gen. Babcock left here for Washington last night. Judge Krum, of St. Louis, his counsel, held a consultation with the General yesterday evening, and went with him to Washington.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 21.—In the United States Circuit Court yesterday, Burbach, convicted of conspiring to defraud the revenue, was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment, a fine of $2,000, and one-half the costs of the trial. Sentence was suspended in the case of Reynolds, his partner.

John S. Taft, Gauger, was to-day sentenced to five months in the State Prison, a fine of $2,000, and half the costs of trial. Philip Weimar, convicted of the same offense, was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment in the county jail, a fine of $2,000, and half the costs of trial.

THE EDWIN FORREST ESTATE SOLD.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—Negotiations were concluded late this afternoon between Daniel Dougherty, Esq., one of the Executors of the estate of the late Edwin Forrest, and a gentleman representing certain parties here, for the sale of the mansion where the tragedian died, at the corner of Broad and Master streets. The price agreed to be paid is $98,000, $2,000 less than the price determined by the Executors, but as it was so near the price desired the offer was accepted. The report that Dion Boucicault had made an offer for the property is a mistake. It is the intention of the purchasers to make a first-class club-house after the style of some of the fashionable organizations of New-York. This concludes the sale of all the improved real estate belonging to the late Mr. Forrest.

LATEST NEWS BY CABLE.

OCEAN STEAMERS IN COLLISION.

THE LOUSIANE SUNK BY THE GIRONDE—SIXTEEN LIVES LOST, INCLUDING THE CAPTAIN'S.

BORDEAUX, Dec. 21.—Last night the steamer Gironde, bound for Brazil, collided in the River Gironde with the steamer Louisiane, of the General Transatlantic Company, homeward bound from the West Indies. The Louisiane immediately sunk. Sixteen persons were drowned, including her Captain.

BORDEAUX, Dec. 22—A. M.—The steamer Louisiane sunk in ten minutes after she was struck. The Gironde rescued 100 of her passengers and crew. All the persons drowned were passengers except the Captain.

[The Louisiane was a three-masted steamer of 2,166 tons, built on the Clyde in 1861. She was 278 feet 9 inches long, 39 feet beam, and 28 feet 7 inches depth of hold; propelled by engines of 440 horse power. Capt. Riboulot, who is reported drowned, had been in command of her about a year, succeeding Capt Gillette. M. De Bebian, the agent of the company at No. 55 Broadway, had received no advices in relation to the sinking of the Louisiane, and probably would receive none, as she never came to this part of the world. He was inclined to doubt that she was sunk in the Gironde, as she had no business to take her into that river so far as he knew. Her route was from St. Nazaire to St. Thomas, and Aspinwall. The steamer Gironde, by which she was sunk, is one of the steamers of the Messagerie Maritime, which sails from Bordeaux and Marseilles to all parts of South America, Asia and Africa. During the Mexican war the Louisiane had been employed as a transport by the French Government, and had taken over great numbers of soldiers.]

THE BREMERHAVEN EXPLOSION.

THE KILLED, 128—WOUNDED, 56—WIDOWS, 56—AND ORPHANS, 135—A RELIEF FUND.

LONDON, Dec. 22—5:30 P. M.—The *Times* special dispatch from Berlin says it is now ascertained that the total number of killed by the explosion at Bremerhaven is 128, and of wounded, 56.

The Bremen Aid Committee reports that twenty of the injured are hopelessly maimed, and there are fifty-six widows and 135 orphans of the victims of the disaster, for the benefit of whom it proposes to raise a subscription of $75,000.

THE WHITECHAPEL MURDERER.

EXECUTION OF HENRY WAINWRIGHT YESTERDAY IN LONDON.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Henry Wainwright, recently convicted of the murder of Harriet Lane, in Whitechapel Road, in this city, was hanged at Newgate Prison, Old Bailey, to-day. Just before he was pinioned he handed the Governor of the prison a written statement, which, he said, he desired to make public. In this paper he acknowledges the justice of his sentence. He says he deserves his fate, though he does not explicitly admit that he murdered the young woman.

GREAT BRITAIN.

THE BRIG ISLAND BELLE STRANDED—THE CREW SAVED.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Advices received here announce that the British brig Island Belle, Capt. Briard, from Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 19, for Bristol, has gone ashore at Bude, on the Bristol Channel. The crew were safely landed.

ITALY.

THREATENED ERUPTION OF MOUNT VESUVIUS—THE CENTENNIAL.

NAPLES, Dec. 21.—Mount Vesuvius is in an eruptive condition. There is a gradual increase of fire and smoke. The instruments in the Observatory are in motion, and Prof. Palmieri predicts a long period of eruption.

ROME, Dec. 21.—Signor Blanc, the Italian Minister to Washington, has been nominated Centennial Commissioner.

SPAIN.

GEN. JOVELLAR APPOINTED CAPTAIN GENERAL OF CUBA—THE CHIEF COMMAND IN THE NORTH.

MADRID, Dec. 21.—Gen. Jovellar, the Minister of War, has been appointed Captain General of Cuba, in place of Valmaseda. Gen. Ceballos will succeed Jovellar as Minister of War. Gen. Quesada will be appointed Commander in Chief of the Armies of the North.

DEATH OF GEN. DE RODAS.

MADRID, Dec. 21.—Gen. Caballero de Rodas, formerly Captain General of Cuba, is dead.

FRANCE.

THE LIST OF SENATORS ELECTED BY THE ASSEMBLY FILLED.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The following were elected members of the French Senate to-day: Admiral de Montaignac, the Minister of Marine, and M. Leon Maleville, Member for Tarn-et-Garonne, of the Left Centre. This completes the list of Senators, so far as the National Assembly is concerned, seventy-five members having been elected by that body. The other members, 225 in number, are to be elected indirectly by the people of the several departments.

AFRICA.

INSURRECTION OF NEGROES AGAINST THE PORTUGUESE IN GUINEA.

LONDON, Dec. 22—6 A. M.—A special dispatch to the *Daily News* from Lisbon states that a Portuguese gun-boat has been ordered to the Island of St. Thomas, in the Gulf of Guinea, on account of an alleged insurrection of the negroes.

CUBA.

ONE OF THE LAST ACTS OF VALMASEDA'S ADMINISTRATION—A PRICE ON EVERY INSURGENT'S HEAD.

HAVANA, Dec. 21.—Juan Iturralde, Spaniard, a merchant of Villa Clara, and owning a plantation in the neighborhood, convicted of corresponding with the insurgents and furnishing them with money, provisions and other articles, was executed at Villa Clara on the 18th inst.

With a view to put a stop, if possible, to the continual burnings of farms and the plunder of farmers by insurgent bands, and, as the proclamation says, the dishonoring of the daughters of the country people by the insurgents, the Governor of Sagua has issued the following order, approved by Captain General Valmaseda:

"All countrymen bringing in one of these bandits called insurgents, dead or alive, to head-quarters will receive ten gold doubloons, and eleven if bringing also his musket. A recompense of from three to ten doubloons will be paid to all countrymen bringing information enabling the troops to destroy or surprise insurgent camps. Farmers killing a rebel Prefect or Sub-Prefect, or giving information producing that result, will be paid fifteen doubloons."

He also announces that any person proving that any party furnishes the insurgents anything shall receive six or more doubloons, according to the importance of the case.

Captain General Valmaseda says the orders of the insurgent chiefs to their subordinates are to risk no encounter with the troops but always to scatter and divide into parties of less than ten, and to commit all possible depredations.

Public opinion is strong that the departure of Valmaseda at the present time is not a good thing for the Island, especially regarding military matters and the advantages expected to be gained by the troops.

The steamer City of New-York, which arrived here to-day from New-York, made the passage in four days and two hours, which is claimed to be the fastest time on record.

THE CHICAGO AND NORTH-WESTERN.

RUMORS THAT THE ROAD IS TO BE CONTROLLED BY JAY GOULD AND BE OPERATED WITH THE UNION PACIFIC.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—The recent rumors which have been published concerning the financial condition of the North-western Railway Company, have awakened a deep interest in its affairs, and various surmises have been made as to the result of the condition of its business. It is now stated that a movement is on foot which is to cause a change in the management of the road, whereby it will come under the control of the Jay Gould clique, who are now in possession of the Union Pacific. According to the arrangement which, it is declared, is to enter into effect shortly, the road, when under the management of the Union Pacific stockholders, will be operated in conjunction with that line and the through California freight will necessarily pass over the North-western Road. Should the road pass into the control of the New-York ring, and it become a part of a through line to the Pacific, its rivals, the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, and Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, would be deprived of any through business, and a break in the existing pool between the three lines would possibly result. The statements which are given here prevailed for a day or two in Chicago, and your representative has endeavored to learn something definite concerning the proposed *coup d'etat*.

It is known that Jay Gould is a heavy stockholder in the North-western road, and that he now controls the stock of the Union Pacific, and the plan, as stated, is perfectly feasible. It is positively known that during the past week the officials of the North-western Road have been in consultation with the managers of Iowa lines, and that at these conferences the possibility that the North-western Road was to carry all through California business has been considered. It is stated that the proposed plan has been laid plainly before the managers of the other roads, in order that previous relations existing between the lines should not be disturbed, and that the pool might be continued on all through Omaha business. Nothing definite could be learned from the officials of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, or the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, beyond the statement that they had heard rumors, but knew but little concerning them. President Keep, of the North-western Road, was also called upon, and stated that no negotiations were pending between his road and the managers of the Union Pacific, and he did not believe any of the rumors. He also stated that it had been rumored that all of the California business was to be given to one of the three lines, and when asked where these rumors originated he stated that he did not know.

A JUDICIAL CONTEST.

GOV. CHAMBERLAIN, OF SOUTH CAROLINA REFUSES TO ISSUE COMMISSIONS TO EX-GOV. MOSES AND MR. WHIPPLE, JUDGES ELECT.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 21.—Ex-Gov. Chamberlain has refused to issue the commissions of Whipple and ex-Gov. Moses, Judges elect, filing the following statement of his reasons:

> I decline to sign the commissions of W. J. Whipple and F. J. Moses, Jr., elected as Judges of the Circuit Court of this State by the General Assembly on the 16th inst. for terms to begin Aug. 26, 1876. By the Constitution of the State, the Judges of the Circuit Court are to be elected for terms of four years. By a series of adjudicated cases in the highest court of this State, extending from 1821 to 1872, it has, in my judgment, been determined that officers, elected under provisions of law similar to this provision of the present Constitution, are entitled to hold their offices for the full term prescribed by the Constitution or laws under which the election is held. It follows that as the terms of the present incumbents of the offices to which the above-named persons claim to have been elected on the 16th inst. will not expire until after another General Assembly, the present General Assembly has not the right to elect their successors. While in some cases presenting similar legal questions, it may not be required of the Governor to decline to issue commissions, the circumstances of the present case compel me to this course.
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> (Signed,) D. H. CHAMBERLAIN,
> Governor of South Carolina.

DEMOCRATIC TACTICS IN GEORGIA.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 21.—The Republicans of this city and county are exerting themselves anew to secure the establishment of more voting precincts in the county. Under the present arrangements the entire voting population of the city and county proper—over ten thousand—are compelled to cast their votes at the Court-house in this city. As a consequence the county voters are compelled to travel from five to fifteen miles and lose the entire day at every election; besides, the massing of so large a number of voters, often heated by partisan excitement, for a whole day in a small square is highly dangerous to the public peace, and has often resulted in bloodshed. The Democrats of the county have strenuously opposed the establishment of more precincts, and in 1873 a bill was hurried through the Legislature to prevent such a measure which had been threatened by the election of a Republican Representative at large, the control of the precinct arrangements having pertained to that office. Now it is vested in the Grand Jury, who have just declined to act on a petition of David Porter, praying for a division of the precinct. The present system debars large numbers of colored citizens from suffrage.

INDIANS ON THE TEXAS BORDER.

GALVESTON, Dec. 21.—Advices from Eagle Pass state that 300 Comanche Indian warriors are reported by Mexican traders at the cañon of San Rodgero, forty miles above Rimalo. It is thought that the object of the gathering is to make raids into Texas. Dispatches from Fort Clark state that a party of Mexicans crossed the river twelve miles below San Felipe and surprised Pond's ranch, killing three men, capturing all the arms and horses, and 600 head of cattle. Companies of citizens are organizing to follow them. Much trouble is apprehended.

THE MARYLAND ATTORNEY GENERAL.

ANNAPOLIS, Dec. 21.—In the matter of the contested Attorney Generalship of the State, in which S. Teackle Wallis, the Reform candidate, contests the election of C. J. N. Gwinn, Democratic candidate for Attorney General, at the late State election, the Court of Appeals to-day decided that Mr. Gwinn is entitled to his commission as Attorney General, and affirmed the order of the court below granting a mandamus against the Governor to compel the issuing of the commission. It also decides that the Governor has no authority to examine into the alleged frauds under his present powers.

CALIFORNIA MINING STOCKS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—The following are the closing official prices of mining stocks to-day: Consolidated Virginia, 391; California, 60¼; Segregated Belcher, 86; Ophir, 47¼; Chollar, 86; Savage, new stock, 14½; Imperial, 9; Mexican, 18¾; Gould and Curry, 19¾; Best and Belcher, 57½; Hale and Norcross, 43½; Crown Point, 30; Yellow Jacket, 98½; Empire, 5½; Alpha, 17½; Belcher, 32¾; Confidence, 20; Sierra Nevada, 19¾; Exchequer, 10½; Overman, 60½; Justice, 24½; Caledonia, 22.

MOLLY MAGUIRES EXCOMMUNICATED.

SHENANDOAH, Dec. 21.—At the services in the Roman Catholic Church at Mahanoy Plane Rev. Daniel O'Connor, the Pastor, read a letter from the Archbishop of Philadelphia, which was a formal excommunication of the society known as the "Molly Maguires," otherwise the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

A FRENCH ACTRESS' DEATH.

FUNERAL SERVICES OF DEJAZET.

HER LAST HOURS AMONG HER BEST—WHAT THE PRESS DID FOR ITS FAVORITE ARTIST—SCENES AT THE FUNERAL—THE MARCH TO PERE LACHAISE.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Monday, Dec. 6, 1875.

The funeral ceremonies of Mlle. Dejazet, which took place on Saturday last, afforded an opportunity for one of those popular demonstrations of which the Parisians are so fond. It is very easy here to touch the heart of the masses. They are demonstrative in the extreme, and when once started they go on in a body like the *moutons de Panurge*. There were two good reasons for the spectacle of Saturday. In the first place, Mlle. Dejazet had been a favorite upon the stage for more than half a century, or further back than a majority of us can remember; and secondly, the press had adopted her as a pet protégé. It was the press which organized her benefit two years ago, producing over sixty thousand francs; one journal allowed her a pension of 100 francs per month, and it was the press that threw the halo of glory about her head that attracted the attention of the crowd. Three years ago Dejazet was poor and neglected. Four years ago, in an advanced age, she found herself without bread for herself and children. With true courage she once more came forward, although her farewell night had been more than once announced, and took the direction of a provincial company. She became directress of the Théâtre de Lyons. The press of that city was disposed to treat her coldly. It called her a fossil, a relic from some cabinet of antiquities, and the criticisms upon her acting were by no means tender. But one touch of nature made Dejazet's fortune in her latter days. An actor in distress made an appeal for help, and Dejazet not only wrote him a letter of hope and encouragement, but sent him all the money she had in the world. When her sympathies were aroused she threw common prudence to the winds. The letter was sent to Paris for publication, but before it appeared there came another distressing appeal. Dejazet wrote to say how much she regretted having only fifteen francs left; but she gave that for the day, and that very night would organize a benefit for the sufferer. It produced several hundreds of francs, but Dejazet was left without a sou; she owed money to her landlord; her own children were poorly clad. When these traits of character were brought before the public, people began to think a little about Dejazet. They remembered a hundred other traits of the kind that had passed almost unperceived, and even began to ask if it was possible that this generous creature and charming actress could really be in want. An inquiry showed that Dejazet's poverty was real, and certain journalists who are always seeking to identify themselves with popular movements took her case in hand. Happy the thought so far as they were concerned, for they have been handsomely rewarded—rewarded, I mean, with that fame which is attached to generous deeds—with the glory which always surrounds the man who is foremost in some popular movement. In a moment the public opened its great heart to poor Dejazet. Hundreds rushed for tickets to her benefit, and hundreds contributed articles of value for her lottery. She became once more the heroine of the hour, and no Princess born could have taken such a triumph—the last she was to have—in a more noble, dignified, and modest manner. When the funds were handed over, several insurance companies offered her annuities at rates far below the ordinary schedule, but Dejazet refused all these offers on account of her children. For herself she asked nothing; all that she had was intended for them. On this as on many other occasions Dejazet showed that under the popular favorite of the stage there was an admirable Cornelia.

From this moment Dejazet had plenty of friends. Journalists, dramatists, and artists vied with each other in paying her attentions. Her sick bed was surrounded by persons who brought her presents, words of encouragement and hope, the gossip of the day, and bouquets of flowers. She passed away happier than she had ever been since the time when, in the days of the gay and dashing Duc d'Orleans, she was *La Favorita* of the aristocratic crowd that followed the Duke in his pleasures. There were spots upon the life of Mlle. Dejazet, from a worldly point of view, but they seem to have been gradually effaced, and—who can say?—they may be invisible at the gates of Paradise, or covered entirely over by the records of good deeds. No sooner was Dejazet inanimate than thousands began to find something good to say about her. Whatever there was to censure seemed to be forgotten; and in saying this I must pay a passing tribute to one admirable trait in the French character. During life—during the struggle for fortune, for fame, for social rank, in which all are more or less engaged—one finds very little fellow-feeling, very little disinterested sympathy or charity; after death nothing but good is said as a rule. I like the principle, for I have never been able to appreciate the force of the arguments in favor of an opposite course. Cæsar may have had his faults, but what has the world gained by the *chronique scandaleuse* of the libeler Suetonius?

Dejazet lived with her son in a modest apartment in the Rue Clavel, near the Butte Chaumont. As soon as the news of her death got out, the *ouvriers* of Belleville began to flock about the house. It was evident from the first that we were to have another popular demonstration, and Eugene Dejazet did not have the force to conduct it. He intrusted the ceremonies to the editors of the *Gaulois*. They announced that tickets would be issued to the church. La Trinité will hold between 3,000 and 4,000 persons only, and 4,000 tickets were issued. When the body was taken from the house the Police had to make a way for it through a crowd of 10,000 persons, and along the entire route from Belleville the streets were thronged on either side, and thousands gazed from balconies and windows. At the church the friends of Dejazet were doomed to disappointment. More than twenty thousand persons had assembled upon the place, and the building was crowded. It had been agreed with the curé that he should hold no ceremony just before 12 in order to have the church cleared, but at 9 o'clock he had said low mass in one of the naves at the request of a poor family. To the great surprise of its members, this mass was attended by thousands. The church was filled, and when the mass was over nearly all remained kneeling. An invitation to leave produced no effect, and an attempt to clear the building was also in vain. It would have created a scandal to have called upon the Police, for many had announced their intention of standing upon their rights and of resisting all attempts to put them out of the church. Thus the tickets given out by the *Gaulois* were of no sort of use, for with or without them there was no room in the church. The artistic world had to remain out in the cold. It was with difficulty that those who were to sing were pushed through the crowd. The ceremonies were interesting; the music very finely rendered. Solos were sung by Caron, Bosquin, and Gailliard, of the Opera, and by M. Galli and Mlle. Rosine Bloch. The "De Profundis," by M. Grisi; Cherubini's "Requiem;" the "Stabat," of Rossini, were splendidly given; and great emotion was caused by the "Liberata" of Plautade, given by Basquin and Galli. Rosine Bloch was magnificent in the air of "Stradella," with sacred words. Getting out of the church was no easy task. I had taken the precaution to go a little in advance, and walked along the Chaussée d'Antin to find a square foot of standing room upon the sidewalk. It was crowded on both sides to the boulevards and as far up them as eyes could reach. More than one hundred thousand persons must have turned out to see the cortége pass. It came at last, preceded by some five or six thousand people, who followed a company of gendarmes, who kept the crowd back; then came the son of Dejazet, leaning upon the arm of the Curé of Belleville; then the funeral car, the pall-bearers on my side being Halanzier, Sardou, and Laferrière. It was covered with flowers, and among the rest were the withered wreaths that Dejazet had worn at her last triumph upon the stage. Upon the back of the car hung a magnificent wreath of violets, three feet in diameter, the names of "M. Garat" and "Lisette," the dead artists' great characters, being worked out in white flowers. Three thousand people—mostly working people of Belleville—then followed, and behind all came forty carriages. In this way Dejazet was escorted to Pére La Chaise, where a temporary resting-place had been accorded her upon the main avenue, near the tombs of Rossini and Alfred de Musset. Two speeches were made over the grave. Then the friends passed by to throw flowers into the vault, and it was filled to overflowing. The generous Dejazet lies buried in flowers—in the floral tributes of her many friends.

A NEW MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE.

THE ST. LOUIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MOVE INTO THEIR FINE NEW HALL—THE DEDICATORY EXERCISES.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—The Merchants' Exchange Hall, in the new Chamber of Commerce building on Third street, between Chestnut and Pine, was dedicated this noon with elaborate ceremonies. The Exchange was called to order in the old building on Main street, which has been occupied for twenty years as an Exchange, at 11 o'clock, by President Rowland, and a beautiful and affecting farewell address was delivered by Wayman Crow, one of the oldest merchants in the city. A procession was then formed under the marshalship of William Hamilton and several assistants, embracing Company A, of the National Guard Rifle Association, Capt. Charles E. Pearce commanding; the President and Directors of the Chamber of Commerce Association; the architects, builders, and contractors of the building; the ex-Presidents of the Merchants' Exchange; the President, officers, Directors, Secretaries, and various committees and members of the Cotton Exchange. After the great crowd had entered the spacious new hall the assemblage was called to order by Hon. E. O. Stanard. Major Francis D. Lee, the architect of the building, was introduced, who, in a brief speech, surrendered his trust, and delivered the keys of the hall to R. J. Lockland, President of the Chamber of Commerce Association, who in turn gave possession of the hall to D. P. Rowland, President of the Merchants' Exchange. Mr. Rowland then delivered a congratulatory address to the members of the Exchange, reviewing the past history of that institution and predicting for it a very brilliant future. Prayer was then offered by Rev. W. G. Eliot, Chancelor of the Washington University. Capt. James B. Eads was then introduced and delivered an eloquent dedicatory address. A poem on commerce, by Solon N. Sapp, and impromptu speeches followed.

The immense hall was packed with spectators, including many of the oldest and most prominent citizens. This hall is said to be not only the largest but by far the finest room in the country devoted to commerce. It is 215 feet long, by 100 feet wide, and 64 feet high, of the most elaborate architecture, and decorated and furnished in the most costly manner.

No business was transacted, and no market reports have been furnished to-day.

THE WEATHER.

SYNOPSIS AND PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22—1 A. M.—The barometer is highest off the South Atlantic coast, having fallen over the Middle and Eastern States, with south-west winds, cloud, and rain, and decidedly higher temperatures. The pressure has fallen but risen again in the South-west, where easterly winds and rain have prevailed. The barometer fell on Tuesday, with brisk southerly winds, in Manitoba and the North-west, but rose in Oregon. The Mississippi has fallen rapidly at Davenport, and risen at Keokuk. The Lower Mississippi and Ohio have fallen.

PROBABILITIES.

For Wednesday, in the South Atlantic and Gulf States, stationary or falling barometer, diminishing easterly winds, clearing weather, and occasional rain, followed by a "norther" in Western Texas.

For the lake region, Tennessee and Ohio Valley, rising barometer, cooler north and west winds, and clearing weather.

For the Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri Valleys, rising barometer, westerly winds, and clear weather, followed by falling barometer, southerly winds, and warm, partly cloudy weather.

For the Middle and Eastern States falling barometer, warmer, south and west winds, cloud and rain.

The rivers continue stationary.

For the canal regions, temperature remains above freezing.

THE PROVIDENCE TOOL COMPANY.

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 21.—The committee appointed to examine the affairs of the Providence Tool Company were engaged in that work to-day, and adjourned until 10:30 o'clock to-morrow, when they are expected to make a report. It is understood the company showed about $1,400,000 of assets in excess of the liabilities. The President of the company to-day received a communication from nearly all of the 1,800 employes, expressing sympathy and good-will for the company, and voluntarily proposing to relinquish all claims to wages due for December, amounting in the aggregate to about $90,000.

VIRGINIA AND THE CENTENNIAL.

RICHMOND, Dec. 21.—The Senate to-day rejected the bill appropriating $10,000 for transportation, care, removal, and return of articles to be exhibited by Virginia exhibitors at the Centennial next year. The bill, though advocated by some leading Senators, failed to receive the Constitutional vote of 22, the vote being yeas 12, and nays 13. A motion to reconsider was adopted, and the subject passed by for the present.

ELECTION OF A UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Hon. Alonzo Abernethy was to-day elected President of the University of Chicago. Mr. Abernethy graduated from this University in 1865, and now holds the position of Superintendent of Public Instruction in the State of Iowa. It is understood that he will accept.

THE WATERTOWN ELECTION.

WATERTOWN, Dec. 21.—In the charter election here to-day Mr. Levi M. Brown, the Democratic candidate for Mayor, was elected by a majority of 113. The Republicans elected the City Chamberlain and Street Commissioner, and three out of four Supervisors. The Democrats have two majority in the Common Council.

YALE OUT OF THE ROWING ASSOCIATION.

NEW-HAVEN, Dec. 21.—The Yale University Boat Club has voted to withdraw from the Rowing Association of American Colleges.

CANAL CERTIFICATES.

MR. THAYER'S DEALINGS THEREIN.

THE EXAMINATION OF THE AUDITOR CONTINUED BY THE INVESTIGATING COMMISSION—SOME POINTS OF MR. THAYER'S FINANCIAL POLICY—THE EXTENT OF HIS TRAFFIC IN CERTIFICATES.

ALBANY, Dec. 21.—The Canal Investigating Commission reassembled at 12 o'clock, when a part of Mr. Thayer's testimony taken yesterday was read over to him by the stenographer. The examination was then resumed:

Mr. Thayer—I have not been able to learn the exact amount I paid for the French certificates; I paid in Troy City Bank checks; by reference to the accounts of that bank in March I could learn; I have not examined as to how much I paid for the Osborne certificates; on the 15th of April, 1875, I purchased of him $25,296; can't tell whether they were for old work; the warrant is dated May 20; I became possessed of those certificates April 12; G. A. Stone became payee of the checks because they belonged to the bank; I took them to the bank April 12; I don't know what I got for them; I have no account of them; suppose there is an account in the bank, but not with me; I first procured the certificates the 12th of April, 1875.

The assignment from N. L. Osborne to G. A. Stone and a power of attorney, without naming any one, was read by Mr. Magone.

Mr. Magone—Was not the name of G. A. Stone inserted after it was acknowledged, and in your writing? A.—Yes, Sir; I have no means of telling in dollars and cents what I paid Osborne for those certificates; I paid Mr. Skinner, a partner of Osborne; I can't tell whether it was in checks or currency; think part, at least, was in drafts; Mr. Skinner was the man I had the transaction with; whatever I paid him I paid him about the 12th of April; I am unable to say whether I paid him any more than I borrowed from the Troy City National Bank on the face of those certificates; I can't say, because I can't tell what I borrowed nor what I paid for them; it was less than the face of them; it was about forty or forty-five days interest less than the face of them at seven per cent.; I am able to swear it was not sixty days; won't swear it was not fifty days; I calculated the interest up to about the 1st of June, and he was liberal in his allowance; I have no memorandum that I know of showing my profit; never credited it to McKie or any other person; all the profit on these certificates I kept to myself; my understanding is that these certificates were not subject to my audit, except as to their being in proper form; this class of claims call only for my seeing that they are in proper form; I knew that they were subject to my audit in the way I state; I took the profit on these certificates to myself; I did not before the Commissioners of the Canal Fund deny purchasing certificates, either in my own name or in the names of others, subject to my audit; I can't say how much money the Troy City Bank had belonging to the State on the 12th day of April, put there by me and subject to my withdrawal.

Mr. Magone—We find that in March there was $141,907, and in April, $128,000.

The balance sheet of the Bank was shown to witness, and he read: "April 1st, there was $123,311; May 1st there was $119,000 in the Bank.

A recess was then taken till 3 P. M.

The commission reassembled at 3:30 P. M., and Mr. J. B. Pierson presented the power of attorney given him by Stephen C. Dermott on the 10th of February to prosecute his claim against the State for taking his water power. He also produced the inventory taken when he sold his interest in the mill property to his partner Dermott.

Mr. John B. Gale, counsel for Dermott, asked to present a protest against the commission investigating the Dermott case, as that claim was now in course of judicial determination, and to pursue it here would injure the interests of his client.

Mr. Bigelow said the proposition made would debar the commission from pursuing its work if it was adopted. He was sure the commission would not hurt the gentleman's client. It was not going to prejudice the claim, but the commission must be allowed to determine what course to pursue in its investigation.

Mr. Magone remarked that this claim was most certainly a wrongful one.

Mr. Gale—Such a declaration by this commission will have the effect to damage the claim.

Mr. Bigelow—We have testimony to sustain what we have said, and do say, still I do not think we ought to argue this question.

After some further conversation Mr. Bigelow said they would examine the paper, and if it was found to be pertinent it would be used. If the investigation affects the interests of Dermott it certainly was his fault and not that of the commission. The matter here dropped, and Mr. Thayer took the witness chair again.

Mr. Magone—What other funds were in the Troy City Bank besides that which you have stated? A.—The canal tolls money; I don't know how much; think it was one-fifth of the receipts at West Troy; my next purchase from Osborne of his certificates, through Skinner, after the 12th of May, was on the 20th of May; that purchase amounted to $7,990; I negotiated the trade with Skinner; I gave him the face of those certificates; at least he went to the bank and got the money; the certificates were assigned to me on the day we received from the Treasurer the $300,000; I brought down from Troy certificates amounting to $79,558 34; these were the Denison-Osborne, Case, and French certificates; also, Gale's certificates and J. B. Gate's engineer draft; the reason I took the assignment from Osborne was that I had not yet money enough to pay him, as I thought he had to pay borrowed money from the amount he had received; I then sent him to Troy to get the money, and he got it; afterward I examined the law, and found that we were not obliged to pay borrowed money; I got nothing for accommodating him; I swear that; I don't know as I purchased these certificates before the assignment; on what I discounted for any length of time I got compensation; I know Jerome Smith; he is a clerk in my office; he took one assignment; Burchell took another; and Terrill took another; at the time I took that certificate I really had money I could use to pay but did not know it; I have looked at the law and find there was no warrant for borrowing the $200,000; I did not draw up the resolution to borrow that sum at the instance of Thaddeus C. Davis, with the intention of paying it over to George Lord; it was directed to be drawn by me; don't know as I presented it to any of the Commissioners of the Canal Fund; it was presented to and passed unanimously by the Commissioners of the Canal Fund; I had it adopted to pay outstanding certificates; it was to pay George Lord, with others.

Mr. Magone—Did you not have this resolution adopted with the purpose to pay Lord? A.—Lord spoke to me about the matter, and I told him I would do it; he did not pay me a cent for doing that; I paid the money on Lord's certificate to Davis; he had authority to collect it; at the time I supposed there was a law for it; I had no conversation with Davis until after the passage of the resolution; it has been the practice to borrow money from the sinking fund; no such transaction has occurred since the Controller called attention to its illegality; don't recollect who was the next one paid from this money; Pratt, of Buffalo, had a claim; don't know how he is related to Controller Hopkins.

The record was read showing to whom the money was paid.

Mr. Magone—So you see you selected Lord, Denison, Pratt, and Ostrander as the only beneficiaries of this bounty, and did not communicate the fact to the others; you had money for them and you borrowed money at five per cent. to pay certain ones, and as to the others, you purchased their claims at a discount. Is that so? A.—Some I paid and the others I did not, as I had not the money to pay them; the Hamilton certificate I did not pay because I did not have money to pay it with; we had money on hand, current receipts from the business on the canals, but it was not available for this case, as the Superintendents were to be paid out of the same funds; I took Hamilton's certificate to the Troy City Bank, and the full amount ($38,000) was paid; I dispensed with the engineer's certificate because I considered it did not require one; for the same reason I refused to pay Benson's certificate.

Mr. Magone—Did you not have then over $200,000 to pay these drafts? A.—No, Sir; we had to meet current expenses; we ran out of money before the 1st of October; I took Benson's certificate and secured the money for him, taking the interest only; we had to borrow money at that time to get along.

Mr. Thayer read the resolution adopted on the 17th of August, authorizing a loan of $60,000 to meet ordinary expenses.

Mr. Magone—How much money had you on hand at that time? A.—Applicable to ordinary repairs?

Mr. Magone—Yes; as we understand it. A.—I cannot say now, but will learn.

Mr. Magone—We have information that you had $224,000 on hand which could be used when the resolution to borrow $60,000 was adopted.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning.

A DISAPPOINTED CONTRACTOR.

ALBANY, Dec. 21.—At a meeting of the Canal Board to-day, H. J. Mowry, a contractor, made an application to cancel his contract, and make a final settlement for the work on the Black Rock Harbor Improvement. He said he had been paid all but the deposit and the usual reservation of fifteen per cent. The work being under one of the suspected contracts reported by the Canal Investigating Commission, had been suspended. Argument by counsel was heard for Mowry, and after some discussion in the board, which seemed disinclined under the circumstances to take action in the matter, on motion of Commissioner Walrath, the application was denied by a unanimous vote.

THE DEUTSCHLAND WRECK.

FULL DETAILS OF THE DISASTER.

A SUMMARY OF PASSENGERS' NARRATIVES—REMARKABLE COOLNESS OF THE VICTIMS OF THE WRECK—TERRIBLE SCENES.

Writing from Harwich on Dec. 8 the correspondent of the London *Daily News* says:

"Weaving together the various personal narratives which I have taken down from the lips of the passengers, the following is the story they have to tell. They were all in bed when the ship struck, and were roused first by the bumping of the ship, and next by the cry that rang fore and aft for every man and woman to put on life-belts, of which there was a plentiful store in hand. The women jumped up and swarmed in the companion-way of the saloon, making for the deck, where they were met by the stewardess, who stood in the way, and half-forced, half persuaded them to go back, telling them there was no danger. After the screw had broken, the engines also failed, and the sails proved useless, the male passengers then cheerfully formed themselves into gangs and worked at the pumps, but, as one said, "they were pumping at the North sea," and as it was obviously impossible to make a clearance of that, the task was abandoned, and the officers, crew, and passengers relapsed into a state of passive expectancy of succor from without. That this could not long be coming happily seemed certain. The rockets which had been sent up had been answered from the shore. The light-ship, which had helped to mislead the Captain, was plainly visible, and at least two ships sailed by so near that till they began hopelessly to fade away, one to the northward and the other to the southward, the passengers were sure those on board had seen the wreck, and were coming to their assistance. Perhaps it was this certainty of the nearness of succor that kept off either the shrieking, or the stupor of despair. However that may be, it is one of the most notable features about this fearful scene that, with a few exceptions, after the first shock everybody was throughout the first day wonderfully cool, patient, and self-possessed. There was no regular meal on Monday, but there was plenty to eat and drink, and the opportunity seems to have been generally, though moderately, improved. The women kept below all day, and, while the fires were going, were served with hot soup, meat, bread, and wine, and seemed to have been inclined to make the best of a bad job. But toward night the horror of the situation increased in a measure far beyond that marked by the darkness. All day long the sea had been washing over the ship, but by taking refuge in the berths and on the tables and benches in the saloon it had been possible to keep comparatively dry. As night fell, however, the tide rose, and at midnight the water came rushing over the deck in huge volumes, filling the saloon, and making the cabins floating coffins. Then the women were ordered up and instructed to take to the rigging, but many of them, cowed by the wildness of the sea that now swept the deck fore and aft, and shuddering before the fury of the pitiless sleet-laden gale, refused to leave the saloon. Then happened horrible scenes which the pen refuses to portray in their fullness. One woman, driven mad with fear and despair, deliberately hung herself from the roof of the saloon. A man, taking out his pen-knife, dug it into his wrist and worked it about as long as he had strength, dying where he fell. Another man, incoherently calling on the wife and child he had left in Germany, rushed about with a bottle in his hand, frantically shouting for paper and pencil. Somebody gave him both, and, scribbling a note, he corked it down in a bottle and threw it overboard, following it himself a moment later, as a great wave came and swept him overboard.

There were five nuns on board who, by their terror-stricken conduct, seem to have added greatly to the weirdness of the scene. They were deaf to all entreaties to leave the saloon, and when, almost by main force, the stewardess (whose conduct throughout was plucky in the extreme) managed to get them on to the companion ladder, they sank down on the steps and stubbornly refused to go another step. They seemed to have returned to the saloon again shortly, for somewhere in the dead of the night, when the greater part of the crew and passengers were in the rigging, one was seen with her body half through the skylight, crying aloud in a voice heard above the storm, "O, my God, make it quick, make it quick." At daylight yesterday morning, when the tide had ebbed, and leaving the deck clear, some on the rigging went down, and looking into the cabin saw the nuns floating about face downward, all dead. It was not so dark but that these in the rigging could distinguish each other's features, and thus have the comfort of companionship.

There seems to have been a wonderful amount of unselfishness displayed; everybody cheering and trying to help everybody else. One of the passengers—a cheery Teuton, named Adolph Herrmann—took a young American lady under his special charge, and had the satisfaction of seeing her off to London this afternoon. He took her up the rigging and held her on there all through the night, and says she was as brave and as self-possessed as if they had been comfortably on shore. Some time during the night an unknown friend passed down to him a bottle of whisky. The cork was in the bottle, and as he was holding on to the rigging with one hand and had the other round the lady, there was some difficulty in getting at the contents of the bottle. This he finally solved by knocking the neck off, and then found himself in the dilemma of not being able to get the bottle to the lady's mouth. "You are pouring it down my neck," was her quiet response to his first essay, but in the end he succeeded in aiming the whisky in the right direction, and after taking some himself, passed it on, feeling much refreshed. Just before this a terrible accident occurred, which threatened death to one or both. The purser, who had fixed himself in the rigging some yards above them, getting numbed, loosed his hold, and falling headlong down struck against the lady and bounded off into the sea. But Herrmann kept his hold, and the shock was scarcely noticed. On such a night all the obligations were not, as Herrmann gratefully acknowledges, on the one side; for when one of his feet got numbed, his companions, following his direction, stamped on it till circulation was restored. From their perilous post, with waves occasionally dashing up and blinding them with spray, they saw some terrible scenes below. A man tied to the mast nearer the deck had his head cut off by the waves, as Herrmann says, though probably a rope or a loose spar was the agent. Not far off, a little boy had his leg broken in the same manner. They could hear and see the nun shrieking through the skylight, and when she was silenced the cry was taken up by a woman wailing from the wheel-house. "My child is drowned, my little one, Adam." At daylight, a sailor, running nimbly down the rigging, reached the poop, and, bending over, attempted to seize some of the half-drowned people who were floating about. Once he caught a little child by the clothes; but before he could secure it a wave carried it out of his grasp, and his shrieks were hushed in the roar of the waters. At 9 o'clock yesterday morning the tide had so far ebbed that the deck was clear, and, coming down from the rigging, the battered and shivering survivors began to think of getting breakfast. A provident sailor had, while it was possible, taken up aloft a couple of loaves of black bread, a ham, and some cheese. These were now brought out and fairly distributed. An hour and a half later all peril was over, and the gallant survivors were steaming for Harwich in the tug-boat Liverpool.

THE MUSIC TRADE PROTECTIVE SOCIETY.

A meeting of the members of the music and musical instrument trades was held yesterday afternoon at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, for the purpose of forming a Trade Protective Society, which is considered necessary in consequence of a decision recently made by Judge Daly, of the Court of Common Pleas, to the effect that the landlord of any hotel, or the proprietor of a licensed boarding-house, can seize a piano or organ which has been hired to a person or persons who owe such landlord of a hotel, or proprietor of a licensed boarding-house, for board. Among the gentlemen present at the meeting yesterday were W. Steinway, (Steinway & Son,) F. Chickering, (Chickering & Sons,) A. Weber, J. J. Decker, (Decker Brothers,) Hazelton, (Hazelton Brothers,) W. A. Pond, G. Steck, Joseph Hale, A. L. Roosevelt, Pelton, (Peloubet, Pelton & Co.,) Herbert, (Sherwin & Herbert,) S. Gordon, (Gordon & Son,) Martins, (Martins & Son,) Simpson, (Simpson & Co.,) Mason, (Mason & Hamlin Organ Co.,) Hugh Hardmann, Bacon, (Bacon & Karr,) J. G. Goldsmith, J. Biddle, J. Christie, C. W. Harris, H. Keidel, (Knabe & Co.,) Haines, (Haines Brothers.) S. X. Ball, A. Dolge, C. Betts, A. J. Wolf, M. A. Decker, (Decker & Barnes.) L. U. Stewart, John F. Luther, Billings, (Billings & Wheelock,) D. R. Stanford, H. Sonntag, E. G. Newman, Lynch, (Lynch & Gomien,) G. P. Benjamin, Merril, H. Waters, (H. Waters & Son,) Ouvrier, (Ouvrier & Sons,) Reilwarth, Calenberg, (Calenberg, Vaupel & Co.)

On motion of Mr. W. Steinway, seconded by Mr. W. A. Pond, a resolution was passed authorizing the Chairman to appoint a committee to draw up, with the assistance of counsel, brief articles of association, to suggest a proper name for the organization, to look up existing laws bearing on cases brought before the meeting, and to report to a subsequent meeting to be called by the chair. The Chairman appointed the following committee: W. Steinway, (Steinway & Sons;) F. Chickering, (Chickering & Sons;) A. Mason, (Mason & Hamlin Organ Co.;) W. A. Pond, (W. A. Pond & Co.;) Hazelton, (Hazelton Brothers;) Albert Weber, Haines, (Haines Brothers.) The meeting then adjourned.

SALE OF DR. HALL'S FORMER CHURCH.

An order was entered in Supreme Court, Chambers, yesterday, giving permission to the Trustees of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church to sell the old church edifice, at the corner of Nineteenth street and Fifth avenue, to Aaron Arnold for $205,000. The proceeds of the sale are by the terms of the order to be applied to the payment of the bonds issued by the church and maturing on Jan. 1, 1876, and the remainder is to be used toward canceling the indebtedness occasioned by the building of the new church at Fifth avenue and Fifty-fifth street. From the statements made in the petition on which the order was granted it appears that the church society was first incorporated in 1808 under the name of the Presbyterian Church in Cedar street. In 1835 the church was removed to Duane street, and in 1852 its title was changed to that of "The Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, corner of Nineteenth street," the latter name being taken from the place of its new location. A few months since the title was again changed to that of "The Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church."

COMBAT WITH A CATAMOUNT.

BODIES OF A HUNTER AND CATAMOUNT FOUND, BOTH FEARFULLY LACERATED—TRACES OF THE TERRIBLE STRUGGLE.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

MARTINSVILLE, Penn., Dec. 21, 1875.

On Wednesday morning of last week three residents of this village, Jackson Frailey, James and Joseph Bloom, went to hunt for a large black bear that had been seen on Welsh Mountain, at a point not far from the village. The mountain is a wild and thickly wooded ridge, five or six miles long, abounding in deep ravines, great laurel and hemlock swamps, and steep and rocky peaks. Many wild animals still linger in the seclusion afforded by its rough sides—among them bears and catamounts. The three hunters were experienced woodsmen, and not returning Wednesday night, no uneasiness was felt, especially as they were well supplied with food and there are numerous hunters' cabins on the mountain. Thursday morning it commenced snowing and drifting badly, and cleared off intensely cold in the evening. It was determined, if the hunters were not home by Friday morning to institute a search. Friday morning dawned terribly cold, and the hunters had not returned. About twenty of the hardiest men in the vicinity accordingly started for Welsh Mountain to look for them. The party had some difficulty in reaching the summit, owing to the snow, but found comparatively few drifts in the woods. No sign of the missing men was found until near noon, when two of the party, who had made a détour down the face of the mountains were horror-stricken to find, covered with snow, the dead body of Jackson Frailey, the eldest of the missing hunters. He lay upon his face. Upon lifting the body up, the clothing was found to be torn completely off in front, from the throat to below the waist. The face, throat, breast, and in fact all the front part of the body, was torn and lacerated fearfully, as if by the teeth or claws of some wild beast. The flesh on the left shoulder was torn off to the bone, and the muscle of the arm entirely gone. No sign of a struggle could be found anywhere about, and it was at once concluded that the hunter's contest with the animal had taken place at some other part of the mountain, and that he was on his way in search of aid when he fell exhausted to the ground, to meet his death, beyond doubt by freezing. It was evident that he was trying to reach Frazer's clearing, which was less than half a mile beyond where he fell. The mangled remains were sent back to the village in charge of three of the searching party, and the others continued their efforts to discover the fate of the other hunters. About three-quarters of a mile further on, and higher up the mountain, one of the party came upon the rifle of the dead hunter. It was leaning against a large oak tree, and, as the stock was hidden beneath the snow and rested on the ground, it was plain that it had been placed in its position some time on Wednesday, before the snow began to fall. Both barrels of the rifle were empty. A search around the spot resulted in the finding, in a hollow made by the uprooting of a pine tree, the body of an immense catamount. It was nearly buried in snow, and was covered with wounds, one of them a gun-shot wound, the others knife wounds. On scraping away the snow, the whole scene of the struggle between the hunter and the catamount was brought to view. The ground was covered with blood for several feet around, and there was every evidence that the contest had been a terrible one. A long-bladed hunting-knife, covered with blood, was found, with other hunting accoutrements, also blood-stained. From all the circumstances the following theory was formed: The hunter, in passing along through the woods, had discovered the catamount in the oak tree. He fired at it, hit it, and it fell to the ground. Being an unerring shot, and the animal lying still on the ground, the hunter had no other thought than that he had killed it, and walked up to where it lay, and, standing his gun against the tree, had probably pushed the prostrate catamount with his foot. Instead of being killed it was only badly wounded and stunned by the fall. Reviving, and discovering its enemy, with all its natural ferocity increased by pain it sprang upon him, and the contest followed—a contest the duration of which will never be known, resulting in the death of both contestants. Some time after noon they found James Bloom, who was on his way back from Martinsville. He and his brother had arrived in the village a short time before, where they first learned Frailey's sad fate. It seems that they had hunted all day Wednesday, and had two or three shots at the bear, but that they had lost him in Great Tamarack Swamp. So they concluded to remain until next day, and Frailey said that he would return home and bring out his dogs. He left the other two about 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, and they went to Lone Cabin and camped for the night. The heavy snow and wind coming up, they did not expect Frailey back, and did not venture out to hunt. Friday it was so cold they did not go out, and finally made up their minds that Frailey would not be back, and started for home about noon.

Frailey was about forty years of age, and had almost lived in the woods all his life. He was a great hunter, and had in his day close combats with bears, wounded bucks, and other animals, and bore many scars received therein. Although he had shot many catamounts, this was his first fight with one at close quarters. Some think that if he had reached Frazer's he would not have died; but being overcome with loss of blood, and having nothing to stanch his wounds, he was forced to stop, and met death by freezing. He leaves a wife and several children, comfortably provided for.

MASONIC ELECTIONS.

At the annual meeting of Bunting Lodge, No. 655, Free and Accepted Masons, held in the rooms at Third avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, on Monday evening, the following officers were elected: Master, Robert Bonynge; Senior Warden, Cyrus O. Hubbell; Junior Warden, James B. Sheridan; Treasurer, M. D. Meyers; Secretary, Charles P. Pierce; Senior Deacon, Ira B. Read; Junior Deacon, Irving C. Smith.

Ezel Lodge, No. 732, F. and A. M., of Brooklyn, on Monday evening chose the following officers: Robert Harper, Master; Edward A. Warren, S. W.; George E. Lloyd, J. W.; Charles M. Gater, Treasurer; Ralph Pomeroy, Secretary; W. H. Clay Lanius, George Goater, and Peter W. Roff, Trustees. The brethren of the lodge during the evening presented W. H. Clay Lanius, who has held the position of Master for the past three years, with a very handsome gold watch.

The following officers were elected on Monday evening by Aurora Grata Lodge, No. 756, F. and A. M., Brooklyn, for the ensuing masonic year: Master, William H. Martin; S. W., James E. Conor; J. W., William C. Dresser; Treasurer, William Waring, Jr.; Secretary, Charles A. Winship; S. D., Clement A. White; J. D., S. Edward Stiles; S. M. C., James B. Warner; J. M. C., William J. Pell; Chaplain, Rev. Charles H. Hall, D. D.; Trustees, Albert H. King, Augustus J. Warner, James B. Warner; Tiler, A. Colo Voloni.

The following officers have been elected, appointed, and installed for the year 1876 in Piatt Lodge, No. 194, F. and A. M.: William H. Barber, M.; David G. Caywood, S. W.; William H. Sharp, J. W.; Smith S. Eaton, Treasurer; William J. Jessup, Secretary; J. C. Morton, Chaplain; David G. Snow, Marshal; Ralph Mayers, S. D.; Joseph B. Nosworthy, J. D.; George McBlear, S. M. of C.; Theron Jones, J. M. of C.; Robert T. Bellchambers, S. S.; John Eagan, J. S.; James C. Dickinson, Tiler; Frederick Giraud, Organist.

At the regular annual communication of Richmond Lodge, No. 66, F. and A. M., held at their lodge room, Port Richmond, Staten Island; on Monday, the following officers were elected: B. F. Cook, Worshipful Master; R. P. Brown, Senior Warden; J. H. Post, Junior Warden; James Seaten, Treasurer; L. Snedeker, Secretary, L. Scofield, Trustee.

The following officers of the Zeredatha Lodge No. 483 have been elected: Master, P. F. Lenbart; Senior Warden, A. Stringham, Jr.; Junior Warden, J. S. Paine; Treasurer, H. C. Touge; Secretary, H. C. Packard; Trustees, C. P. Marrat, Reuben Riley, and Samuel Avree; Senior Deacon, William J. Light; Junior Deacon, Joshua Myers; Masters of Ceremonies, Edwin True, E. Robinson; Chaplain, W. H. Boggs; Finance Committee, W. H. Bently, Ira B. Lathrop, F. J. Hanson; Tiler, W. M. Richardson.

BREWSTER & CO.

The Messrs. Brewster & Co., of Broome street, are well known as manufacturing some of the best carriages and sleighs ever seen in this country. Everything which comes from their establishment has the guarantee of their own manufacture, and their immense factory at the corner of Forty-seventh street and Broadway, is substantial evidence that their work is thoroughly appreciated. No carriage-house in the country does a larger business than this, and none enjoys a higher reputation for solid and elegant work. Notwithstanding the common complaint of hard times, the firm report sales as brisk and business as good, much better, indeed, than they had anticipated, which would seem to show either that times are not so hard as they are generally supposed to be, or else that all people who are buying carriages go to Brewster's for them. The principal demand now is for broughams, and these elegant and comfortable vehicles are manufactured in large numbers, and at a wide range of price. Wagons, too, of all varieties, are a special feature in the work of this firm. They keep on hand a large stock of them, which they warrant to be equal in all respects to those built to order. In sleighs they now make what is known as the Kimball-Brewster sleigh, this being the model made by C. P. Kimball, formerly of Maine, where he gained his reputation as a sleigh-maker. Mr. Kimball has removed from the North and become a partner in the Brewster firm, where all work in this line is done under his own supervision, with all the facilities and advantages of the largest and best organized carriage manufactory in the United States.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

The steam-ship Wisconsin, for Liverpool, took out, yesterday, 34,100 letters and thirty-five bags of papers.

The mails of the unfortunate steam-ship Deutschland will be ready for distribution to-day, they having been forwarded by the steam-ship Siberia.

At the Tombs Police Court yesterday Charles E. Beach was held in default of $500 on a charge of assaulting John J. Martin, of No. 58 Chatham street, with a slung shot.

The annual charity ball, in aid of the North-eastern Homeopathic Dispensary, will be held to-night at the Lexington Avenue Opera-house, beginning at 9 o'clock.

Rev. Henry Vincent, of England, will lecture before the Young Men's Christian Association of Elizabeth, in Library Hall, this evening. Subject, "Oliver Cromwell."

At a meeting of the Directors of the Scottish Commercial Fire Insurance Company, held at No. 176 Broadway, yesterday, Edgar W. Crowell, of the Imperial Insurance Company, was elected manager.

John Burns was yesterday sentenced to the State Prison for two years and six months by Judge Sutherland, for stealing a quantity of clothing from the clothing store of Julius Wilzinski, No. 423 Hudson street.

John Winans and Jared Flagg, composing the firm of John Winans & Co., filed a general assignment for the benefit of their creditors with the County Clerk yesterday. William Lindsay is the Assignee appointed.

It is stated that a meeting of the 205 creditors of Messrs. Duncan, Sherman & Co., who took part in the proceedings of last week by which the firm was thrown into involuntary bankruptcy, will not be held until some time in February next.

The grand charity fair which, on Tuesday, the 14th inst., was opened at Masonic Hall, under the management of the Ladies' Directory, in aid of the free cooking and sewing schools connected with that institution, will be closed to-morrow night.

The amendments and additions to the "rules regulating the provision trade among members of the New-York Produce Exchange," which have been under consideration for some time past, were adopted at the meeting of the Produce Exchange held yesterday.

Michael Horan, aged forty-five, residing in Eighty-seventh street, between Fourth and Madison avenues, while in the liquor store of Peter Morris, No. 1,546 Third avenue, last evening, fell, and, striking his head against the metal spigot of a barrel, fractured his skull.

The trial of the indictment against Samuel H. Millard, charged with having in his possession, at the Grand Central Hotel, a large quantity of smuggled cigars, was postponed yesterday in the United States Circuit Court until to-day, owing to the sickness of one of the jurors.

George E. Stump, of No. 4 Gouverneur street, and Jacob Herman, of No. 228 Eighth avenue, were held for trial yesterday for violation of the Lottery law, the former by Justice Otterbourg, at the Essex Market Police Court, and the latter by Justice Duffy, at the Washington Place Police Court.

The Inman steam-ship City of Brooklyn, which left Liverpool Dec. 8 and Queenstown Dec. 9, reached this port yesterday with advices later by five days than those brought by the Cunard steamer last week. The Siberia's mails, which included those due by the ill-fated Deutschland, arrived last night.

While Officer Kline, of the Twenty-seventh Precinct, was patrolling College place last Monday evening, he detected William Lang, of No. 74 James street, in the act of carrying off $80 worth of shoes from the shoe store No. 19 College place. Lang was committed by Justice Bixby in default of $1,000 bail.

In the suit of the United States against the Mechanics' National Bank to recover $1,500, on the ground that in the payment of drafts to the amount of $25,000, the sum received was short that amount Judge Blatchford yesterday decided that in a suit of this kind the usage among banks cannot be set up as a defense. The trial will be continued to-day.

John Purcell, of No. 248 West Seventeenth street, and Edward Ganner, a resident in the same house, quarreled at a saloon at No. 269 West Seventeenth street on Monday night. During the mêlée Purcell was knocked down with such violence as to have his skull fractured dangerously. Ganner was held by Justice Duffy yesterday to await the result of Purcell's injuries.

The Captain of the schooner J. F. Weaver, which arrived yesterday morning, reports that on Friday morning last, while off Absecum Light, the vessel came in collision with an unknown steamer. The J. F. Weaver's starboard quarter was smashed in, and the mainboom broke. The steamer was hailed, but no response was received, when the J. F. Weaver proceeded on her way to this City.

The funeral of the well-known lawyer, Frederick S. Stallknecht, took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, No. 42 West Thirty-second street, and was largely attended by Mr. Stallknecht's relatives and friends, among whom were several prominent lawyers and judges. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Wooster, of Orange, N. J. The remains were taken on board a special train to Woodlawn for interment.

Edward G. Dumahant and George Spicer, who assigned their property to Percival W. Clement, report their liabilities at $102,327 93, their nominal assets at $45,375 09, and their real assets at $15,000. Augustus O. Van Lennep, who made an assignment to John G. Broughton, sets down his liabilities at $5,032 30, and his nominal and actual assets at $1,000. A bond of $1,200 was ordered in the case.

Adolph Lewis was arrested yesterday on complaint of Charles H. Rothschild, of No. 424 Broadway, who charges him with swindling. It is alleged that Lewis purchased goods amounting to $123 from Rothschild, for which he paid with a check for $215, receiving $92 in change. The check subsequently proved to be worthless. When arrested three worthless checks—one for $303 50, another for $118, and the third for $52—were found in his possession. He was locked up at the Central Office.

On Nov. 18 last William Fleishman absconded with $298 belonging to his uncle, William Altman, a merchant, at No. 305 Sixth avenue. A few days ago the nephew returned to the City, and was arrested by an officer to whom the case had been given. At the Washington Place Police Court yesterday the young man was arraigned before Justice Duffy, and, notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Altman refused to prefer a charge against his relative, the prisoner was held for trial in default of $1,000 bail.

BROOKLYN.

There are only five days' water supply in the various storage reservoirs from which water is supplied to Brooklyn.

The Germans of this city are organizing for the purpose of having a grand centennial celebration on the Fourth of July next.

An indictment for the murder of Sarah Alexander was found by the Grand Jury yesterday against her cousin, P. Nathan Rubenstein, who is now in Raymond Street Jail.

William H. Walling, of No. 331 Front street, New-York, was committed by Justice Walsh yesterday, on a charge of attempting to steal a horse and wagon which he found standing in front of No. 26 Court street.

Michael Brown, of No. 46 North Fifth street, was arrested yesterday on a warrant charging him with bigamy. The complainant was Mary Brown, who claimed to have been married to him at Portland, Me., in 1867. Brown, who was living with a wife in this city, was committed for examination by Justice Walsh.

Corporation Counsel De Witt yesterday received the complaint in the suit brought by Kingsley & Keeney against the city for $178,000 alleged to be due them as contractors for a portion of the work done on the Hempstead Reservoir. The Corporation Counsel, on receipt of the complaint, made a demand on the plaintiffs for a bill of particulars.

At the regular weekly prayer-meeting of the Hanson Place Baptist Church, held last evening, seventy-five members signified their intention of leaving the church for the purpose of joining the new Centennial Baptist Church, of which Rev. Justin D. Fulton is to be Pastor. There were two applicants for admission to the Hanson Place Baptist Church.

At the annual election of the Brooklyn Bar Association the following officers were chosen to serve during the ensuing year: President, D. P. Barnard; Vice President, S. D. Lewis; Treasurer, A. H. Osborne; Secretary, D. W. Northrup; Executive Committee, Alden J. Spooner, John T. Barnard, Anthony Barrett, Charles H. Burtis, William L. Whiting; Committee on Membership, W. E. Osborne, D. B. Thompson, William Sullivan, John R. Kuhn, Charles S. Enslgn.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

The old name of Dobb's Ferry has been restored to that place by a recent order of the Postmaster General. The Post Office has been for some time past known as Greenburg. The residents prefer the old historic name.

The bones of two human skeletons were discovered at New-Rochelle by some men who were excavating for a cellar on Cedar road, in that village. They are supposed to be the remains of Indians, who were once encamped in that locality.

A meeting of the creditors of Union Adams, who has been declared a bankrupt, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be held at the office of Odle Close, Esq., in the village of White Plains, on Monday, Dec. 27th, inst., at 10 A. M. The amount of liabilities is $225,896 36.

Henry M. Sanders, who is pursuing his ministerial studies in the Union Theological Seminary in New-York, has received a unanimous call to become the Pastor of the Warburton Avenue Baptist Church of Yonkers, with the understanding that he is to assume his pastoral duties in October next.

The new Board of Education of Union Free school, District No. 2, of Westchester, consists of Levi H. Mace, Robert B. Bolton, Talman P. Hyde, Walter P. Jayne, Thomas O'Brien, Peter Briggs, Jr., Oliver P. Cox, A. L. Chave, and Charles Reynolds, with Levi H. Mace as President; Walter P. Jayne, Secretary; and Robert B. Bolton, Treasurer.

NEW-JERSEY.

The citizens of Hoboken are taking steps to secure a monument for the soldiers from that city who fell during the war.

The December term of the Passaic County Court opened yesterday. Judge Dixon delived the charge to the Grand Jury and they retired to deliberate.

The body of the man who was killed on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Newark Sunday was identified yesterday by his wife as Edward Relestab, of New-York.

A large grindstone in the factory of the Tomlinson Spring Company in Newark burst yesterday morning, and one of the fragments struck John McKenna, inflicting very serious, if not fatal, injuries.

The Republican members of the Newark Board of Aldermen held a caucus Monday night, and decided upon Alderman Stainsby for President of the board, and Mr. J. L. Sutphen for City Clerk.

Edward Smith, the burglar who was captured in Dr. Levering's residence in Jersey City, about a week ago, was arraigned in the Hudson County Court of Quarter Sessions yesterday, and pleaded guilty to an indictment for breaking and entering. He was sentenced to five years in State Prison.

James and Thomas Goodwin were arraigned in the Hudson County Court yesterday on an indictment charging them with the murder of their father in Jersey City about two months ago. They pleaded not guilty, and asked to have counsel assigned to them. Their trial was set down for Monday, Jan. 3.

James McGill, who claimed to be a Catholic priest, and who has just completed a term in the Hudson County Penitentiary for drunkenness, was arrested in Hoboken yesterday on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. He had solicited $2 from a poor woman as a subscription to a church. Recorder Bohnsted held for him examination.

SERIOUS RESULT OF A STREET FIGHT.

A street fight occurred on Monday night in front of No. 263 West Seventeenth street, during which James Purcell, aged thirty-six, of No. 248 West Seventeenth street, was assaulted and so badly injured that it is feared he will not survive the injuries. It appears from what could be learned in relation to the affair that between 11 and 12 o'clock on Monday night Purcell was passing through West Seventeenth street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, and when opposite No. 263 he was accosted by a number of young men who live in the neighborhood, and with whom Purcell was quite intimate. They remained in conversation together for some time when suddenly and without any known cause a quarrel arose between Purcell and several of his companions. The quarrel resulted in a general mêlée, during which Purcell was struck on the head with some sharp instrument by one of his antagonists, and received a severe scalp wound, from which the blood flowed profusely. Purcell, after being struck, staggered backward a few paces and fell heavily to the sidewalk. In the fall the back of his head struck the curbstone with great force, making him insensible. Alarmed at the result of the fracas, Purcell's companions and antagonists fled, leaving the injured man insensible on the sidewalk, where he was soon after discovered by Roundsman Walsh, of the Sixteenth Precinct. A stretcher was procured and the injured man was removed to the West Twentieth Street Police Station. Police Surgeon Wade was summoned, and on making an examination of Purcell found him suffering from a fracture of the base of the skull and concussion of the brain. The doctor ordered the patient to be removed to Bellevue Hospital, which was speedily done. Roundsman Walsh was then ordered by Capt. Fynan, of the Sixteenth Precinct, to investigate the case, and if possible secure the arrest of the man who had assaulted Purcell. John Murray, of No. 248 West Seventeenth street, was arrested as a witness, and from this man it was learned that Purcell was struck by Edward Gannon, of No. 154 West Eighteenth street. Gannon was arrested by Roundsman Walsh yesterday morning as he was leaving his residence and he is locked up at the station-house awaiting the result of Purcell's injuries, which, it is feared, will prove fatal. Coroner Woltman was requested yesterday afternoon to take the ante-mortem deposition of Purcell, but when the Coroner called at the hospital the patient was still insensible, and no action could be taken.

A MILITIAMAN'S DISCHARGE.

An application was made to Judge Brady in Supreme Court, Chambers, yesterday, for a final settlement of the case of Frederick Schwab, a private of the Fifth Regiment National Guard. The motion was made in behalf of Schwab, who was sent to Ludlow Street Jail several months since for non-payment of fines inflicted on him on account of non-attendance at drill. After remaining imprisoned about a week he was released on habeas corpus proceedings. The point raised by him was that the officers of the regiment had no jurisdiction over him, he never having declared his intention of becoming a citizen. Judge Lawrence decided this question adversely to him, holding that the court-martial which had pronounced judgment on him had jurisdiction of his case, inasmuch as the Military Code provided for the cases of voluntary subjection to military rule on the part of such as were not subject to military duty. The prisoner was, however, discharged on his own recognizance, to await the result of inquiries into certain alleged irregularities in his enlistment. The matter was adjourned from time to time until yesterday, when the counsel for Schwab made application for a final settlement of the case. On the part of the regiment, it was urged that the matter had been ended by the discharge of Schwab from the regiment by the Brigade commander. This being disputed, however, Judge Brady said that he would reserve his decision until proof of the discharge was furnished.

DISBURSING THE CITY'S MONEY.

In the Board of Apportionment yesterday a communication was received from the Park Department requesting an appropriation of $100,000 for building a bridge over the Harlem River. The communication, which was accompanied by resolutions of the North Side Association indorsing the project, was laid over. A communication from the Third District Court-house Commissioners requesting the Board to make provision for their salaries, was also laid over. Controller Green made a report that the amount of the General Fund of the City Treasury was $3,294,800. It was ordered to be printed. The Board authorized the Controller to issue the following bonds: $100,000 judgment bonds, $25,000 Croton Aqueduct stock, $50,000 Croton Water Main stock, $25,000 sewer repair stock, $25,000 Park Improvement Fund stock, $60,000 assessment fund bonds, and $1,893 revenue bonds.

LAST WEEK'S MORTALITY.

At the meeting of the Board of Health yesterday Dr. Harris presented the following report:

"There were 492 deaths reported in this City during the week ending on Saturday the 18th inst., against 511 verified for the previous week. The decrease was noticeable in the deaths from small-pox, typhoid fever, puerperal diseases, bronchitis and pneumonia, and of children under five years of age. There were only six deaths from diarrhœal diseases. There were only eight deaths from the latter maladies, and from enteric fever, counted together, which is the lowest number from these causes during any week in the year. These facts are in evidence of the general health of the population.

The 70 deaths reported from diphtheria last week, like the 210 from the same cause in the four weeks preceding were widely distributed over the City, and so grouped as to show that the causes which pertain to localities and to certain blocks of houses, and those which are inherent in the contagious quality of the disease itself must be studied together."

GEORGE L. BURR.

The old firm of Freeman & Burr, clothiers, of Fulton street, has changed its name, and the business has passed into the hands of George L. Burr; but the only other change which has been made with this is the extension of the business and the increase of facilities for doing it. Those who know this house from having been its customers, and who have submitted its wares to the test of use, know that it deals in the very best qualities of goods, and a coat or any other garment purchased there is worth all the money paid for it. If the purchaser wants a cheap article, he can have as low as may be found anywhere; if he wants a higher priced one, he can get that, and get it good. Ulsters and sack overcoats and all kinds of diagonals are in great demand now; business suits for rough wear, and dress suits for fine may be selected from the large stock kept, at extremely low prices, for there has been a general coming down in tariffs in the ready-made clothing business, and this house has thoroughly met the popular demand. Business, at the new rates, is quite brisk, and manufacturers have no special cause of complaint. People must wear clothes, at least when the weather is as cold as it has been of late; and even in the warmth of Summer there is a popular prejudice for wearing some sort of covering; so, altogether, the men who supply the common want do pretty well, and the house in question exceedingly well, having a large and steady business which is annually increasing, and deserves to do so.

LAW REPORTS.

THE BOWEN LIBEL SUIT BEGUN.

ONLY ONE WITNESS CALLED BY THE PROSECUTION—THE DEFENSE OPENED.

The trial of the libel suit brought by Mr. Henry C. Bowen against the Brooklyn *Eagle* in connection with the charge made by that paper that the plaintiff was connected with the Kidd Salvage Company, was begun yesterday in the City Court of Brooklyn, before Judge Reynolds. The court-room was the same in which the Beecher trial took place, and yesterday it presented many of the features that were noticeable during the progress of that celebrated case. Among the counsel were William A. Beach and William Fullerton, the first named appearing for the defendant and other for the plaintiff; and on the bench, beside Judge Reynolds, Judge Neilson was seated. For the greater part of the day the court-room was crowded to excess.

At 10 o'clock ex-Judge Winfield began his opening for the plaintiff. The speaker defined the law of libel, and represented his client as a person whose character as a private citizen and as a public man was beyond reproach. The article which appeared in the *Eagle* connecting Mr. Bowen with the Kidd Salvage Company was, the speaker said, an outrageous and unwarrantable attack on the character of his client as a private citizen. The Kidd Salvage Company was a transparent fraud, and to connect any reputable person with it was calculated to do them great injury, and in this case had done the plaintiff great injury. At the conclusion of Mr. Winfield's address, Mr. Fullerton called William Hester, the publisher of the *Eagle*. He testified that he published the paper containing the alleged libel, and that the *Eagle* at that time (1874) had a circulation of a little over 25,000 copies, and exchanged with papers in half the States in the Union. On cross-examination the witness said he did not know the plaintiff personally, but he knew that at different times Mr. Bowen was the publisher of the *Independent* and the Brooklyn *Union*, the latter a daily paper. Mr. Fullerton objected to the line of examination, on the ground that the defense should not be made until after the prosecution had closed. The objection was sustained. After Mr. Hester had testified, Mr. Fullerton read the article containing the alleged libel, and then announced that the prosecution rested. Mr. De Witt opened for the defense. He referred to the general aspects of the libel, and said it would not do for a jury to give a verdict against the newspaper in such a case as this. It was a fight between two newspapers. For fifteen years Mr. Bowen has been editor of the *Independent*, a paper which, though professedly a religious paper, was engaged in puffing swindling enterprises of all kinds. Mr. De Witt here proposed to read an article published in the *Union* in April, 1873, in regard to an editor of the *Eagle*.

Mr. Fullerton objected.

Mr. De Witt said he wanted to prove that there was a newspaper controversy between these two men. He held that this and other articles were sufficient provocation for the *Eagle* to retaliate.

The Court—I hold that the article is inadmissible. The Supreme Court has over and over again decided in libel suits that recrimination in the journals is not justifiable, except when published in the heat of some provocation. The provocation must be within a day or two at least.

The defense excepted to the ruling.

Mr. DeWitt said he wanted to prove the publication of a series of attacks on Mr. Kinsella down to the day before the *Eagle* article, on which the libel was brought.

Mr. Fullerton—You must show some connection between the articles in the *Eagle* and the *Union*.

The Court—Yes; the subject matter must be the same. Go on with your opening.

Mr. De Witt—There was at the time of publication of the article read to you by Judge Fullerton an action pending between these parties. It seems as if we are to take up this Kidd matter alone, and look upon Mr. Bowen as if he never had any connection with a newspaper, but stepped out of private life to sue in this court. We will take this course and adhere to it, bound as we are by the court's decision, until that decision shall be reversed on appeal.

The Court—Mr. De Witt, I have no objection to your thinking that the decision of the court is erroneous, but I do think that you should not assume that the decision of the court must necessarily be reversed on appeal.

Mr. Beach said they had rights and they would uphold them, with all deference to his Honor. If Mr. Fullerton presumed to act as guardian for the counsel for the defense, he would perhaps find some little trouble on his hands before he was through.

Mr. Fullerton—I propose to act as guardian for counsel on the other side just so far as to prevent them from putting in improper matter, and no threats will prevent me from doing that.

The Court—Now we all understand each other. Go on. I don't think Mr. De Witt intended to cast any slur on the court.

Mr. De Witt said he did not. Continuing his opening, he said that the alleged libel was written by a reporter, and that the contents of the article were at the time matter of common report. He claimed moreover that the allegations contained in the alleged libelous articles had been published in a daily paper and a weekly paper before they appeared in the columns of the *Eagle*.

Judge Greenwood was the first witness for the defense. He testified that the *Spirit of the Times* had published the alleged libel years ago, and that the editor of that paper had been sued by the Kidd Company in Brooklyn for libel and acquitted. Mr. Frank S. Beard, of the New-York *Sun*, produced a file of that paper in which the article was copied which had appeared in the *Spirit of the Times*. Mr. Beard testified that the *Sun* had never been sued for the publication of that article.

William A. Hall, a boot and shoe dealer, doing business in New-York, testified that he had known Mr. Bowen for thirty years, and that he believed his character to be bad.

Mr. S. V. White had known Mr. Bowen for several years and believed his reputation was not good; he did not remember hearing any one speak well of Mr. Bowen; the witness attended a meeting in Mr. Bowen's house that was held in the interest of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company; he thought Mr. Van Anden, Mr. Barnes, S. B. Chittenden, and Jay Cooke were there; he did not know whether Mr. Bowen was particularly interested in the Northern Pacific Railroad.

Andrew McLean, managing editor of the *Eagle*, was the next witness. He testified that he had heard of Mr. Bowen's connection with the Kidd Company from a reliable source, and that he had sent a reporter who was deemed trustworthy to verify the statements he had heard before he permitted their publication in the columns of the *Eagle*. At this stage of the proceedings the court adjourned. Mr. McLean will continue his testimony to-day.

THE CASE OF CHARLES L. LAWRENCE.

The indictment against Charles L. Lawrence in the United States Circuit Court charging him with forging owners' oaths and importers' entries and presenting the same at the Custom-house with intent to defraud the Government, was called yesterday morning before Judge Blatchford. B. F. Tracy, of the counsel for the defendant, then moved that the trial be postponed for the term, giving as a ground for the motion that the counsel had not had time to properly prepare their defense. In reply United States District Attorney Bliss remarked that the counsel had had nearly six months, or since June last, to make all preparations for the trial. After some further argument Judge Benedict said he would, on affidavit, allow the motion to be renewed to-day.

BLEECKER STREET RAILROAD RECEIVER.

Chief Justice Davis, sitting in Supreme Court, Chambers, yesterday, rendered a decision in the suits of Harlow and Sistare against the Bleecker Street and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company, appointing a Receiver of the company and consolidating the suits. Harlow was the Trustee of the first mortgage bondholders of the road, and had brought suit for a foreclosure of the mortgage, which suit is still pending. Sistare brought a separate suit for foreclosure, for the appointment of a Receiver, and for the consolidation of Harlow's suit with his own, the latter being brought in behalf of the stockholders under the second mortgage. Judge Davis appointed Alvan S. Southworth as Receiver of the road, and ordered a consolidation of the suits, in so far as that Mr. Southworth shall act for the benefit of the plaintiffs in both actions, which are to be conducted *pari passu* without delay. The Receiver is required to give bonds in the sum of $75,000, and the road is to be placed immediately under his control. By the terms of the order the company is also enjoined from issuing any more second mortgage bonds.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Judge Sutherland and Assistant District Attorney Herring disposed of the following cases yesterday in the Court of General Sessions: Thomas Wilson, charged with breaking into the plumber's shop of John Shane, No. 837 Eleventh avenue, and stealing therefrom property valued at $69, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to two years and six months in State Prison. A like sentence was passed on Edward Kenny, who admitted having stolen a horse and wagon, the property of George H. Cannon, and Arthur Wright, who stole clothing valued at $147 from the apartments of William Hennessy, No. 77 First avenue. Edward Donnelly, who pleaded guilty to the larceny of thirty yards of cloth from the store of Solomon Cohen, No. 73 Avenue A, was sent to State Prison for two years. George Johnson, charged with breaking into the stable of Thomas McCauley, No. 223 Mott street, and stealing therefrom a horse-blanket, also pleaded guilty, and was sent to State Prison for two years. Charles Rosenthal pleaded guilty to petit larceny, and was sent to the Penitentiary for six months; Joseph Marmillod, a youthful pick-pocket, was sent to the House of Refuge. Four youths, named John Connors, William McMahon, John Lowry, and Daniel Savage, were charged with breaking into the liquor store of William Purcell, at No. 342 First avenue, on the night of the 4th of July last, and stealing from the till $200. Savage was found guilty of receiving stolen goods, and sentenced to three years in the State Prison; the other prisoners were acquitted. John Orr, indicted for breaking into the dwelling-house of George Miller, No. 5 Morris street, on the night of the 20th November, and stealing therefrom clothing valued at $22 12, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to seven years in the State Prison.

A COMPLICATED TRANSACTION.

THE CASE OF POILLON AGAINST SMITH, LIVINGSTON, AND PARK—A VERDICT FOR THE PLAINTIFF.

A very complicated case, the details of which may serve to throw light on some queer methods of transacting business in vogue among a certain class of note-shavers, was decided yesterday in Supreme Court, Circuit, Part II., before Judge Van Vorst and a jury. The action was brought by Cornelius M. Poillon against George H. Smith, Joseph H. Livingston, Andrew J. Park, and another, to recover damages for the wrongful conversion of the proceeds of a note of $5,000, executed by the plaintiff on April 18, 1874, and made payable to his own order. Poillon desired to have the note discounted, and gave information of the fact to his broker, a man named Buckley. About May 12 following Buckley called on the plaintiff, and said that he knew of a person who had the money and who desired to invest it in a good note. Poillon thereupon gave Buckley his note, and a few days afterward the latter introduced to the plaintiff another broker named Smith, stating that Smith knew of a man having trust funds in his possession who would take the note at a discount of seven per cent. Mr. Buckley, on being placed on the stand, testified that Smith had introduced him to Livingston as the person having the funds. Buckley then told Livingston that he was the real bona fide broker in the case, and that the money was to be paid to him. He went subsequently to Livingston, however, and was told by the latter that he had paid the money to Smith.

Mr. Smith, though one of the defendants, was put upon the stand as a witness in favor of the plaintiff. He said that he had entered into a conspiracy with Park and Livingston to buy the paper of failing firms, and, after selling it, to appropriate the proceeds to their own use; they had agreed to do this with regard to Poillon's note, and were to divide the proceeds. Smith said he had taken $3,500 of the money and had run away with it down South. Overtures were made to him on the part of plaintiff's counsel and the inducement was held out to him that if he would return to this City and testify in the case he would be held harmless. He had come hither with that understanding. The cross-examination of this witness was somewhat damaging, Smith admitting that he had obtained the money under false pretenses, and that he had on a previous occasion been arrested for forgery.

On the part of the defense Mr. Park testified that he had seen Smith only once before the time at which Smith had called about Poillon's note. Smith had borrowed $85 from him, and he introduced Smith to Livingston, Smith having promised to pay him his $85 as soon as the note was purchased. The witness also testified to being present at the time of the purchase, when Smith gave Livingston a receipt in full for the purchase money of the note. This receipt was introduced in evidence.

Mr. Livingston corroborated Mr. Park's statement, and denied that Buckley had told him to pay the money to him instead of to Mr. Smith. The case was given to the jury shortly after the opening of the court yesterday. After about an hour's deliberation they returned with a verdict for $5,525 against Smith, Park, and Livingston. The defendants obtained twenty days' stay of proceedings, in order to put in an appeal.

COURT OF APPEALS.

DECISION OF THE GENERAL TERM IN THE GENET CASE AFFIRMED—CASES ARGUED—CALENDAR FOR TO-DAY.

ALBANY, Dec. 21.—In the Court of Appeals to-day the following decisions were handed down:

Motion for reargument denied, with $10 costs.—People ex rel. Buckley vs. The Board of Police; Rider vs. Stryker.

Judgment affirmed, with costs.—People ex rel. Williams vs. Weaver et al.; Ford vs. The Mayor; Keep vs. Kaufman; Morrison vs. The New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company; Mayor vs. The Mayor; Tiffany vs. Farr; Hackett vs. Badeau; Thompson vs. Fargo; Randall vs. Village of Yonkers, two appeals; Adams vs. Ives.

Appeal dismissed with costs.—McGraw vs. Morgan; Clark vs. Austin.

Judgment reversed and new trial granted, costs to abide event.—Gibson vs. Erie Railway; Roderigas vs. East River Savings Institution.

Appeal dismissed with costs of one appeal only.—In the matter of Rae.

Glover vs. Thomas.—Judgment of the Supreme Court reversed, and order of the City Court of Brooklyn setting aside the verdict and granting a new trial affirmed; costs to abide the event.

Ordered that the term of this court for the year 1876 be held at the Capitol, in the City of Albany, commencing on Monday, the 17th day of January, at 10 o'clock A. M., and that the present calendar be [illegible] and causes thereon called in their order until the court shall order a new calendar to be made.

(Signed,) E. O. PERRIN, Clerk.

The court also rendered a decision affirming the decision of the General Term in the case of the Mayoralty, &c., of the City of New-York against Henry W. Genet. Genet's property was attached in the matter of the frauds in the construction of the Ninth District Court-house. Genet appealed to the Court of Appeals to vacate the attachment, on the ground that the affidavits were insufficient.

The following cases were heard:

No. 4.—*Murphy vs. The People.*—Argument resumed and concluded.

No. 119.—*James F. Brown, respondent, vs. John Combs et al., appellants.*—Argued by Simeon E. Church, of counsel for appellants, and by W. W. Goodrich for respondents.

The People ex rel. Williams vs. Weaver.—Upon motion of Granville Tremain, of counsel for respondents, after hearing Matthew Hale, of counsel for appellants, ordered judgment affirmed with costs pro forma upon the authority of The People vs. Dolan (reported 36, N. Y. 59).

No. 121.—*Edward Matthews, respondent, vs. Benedict Meyberg et al., appellants.*—Argued by Lewis Sanders, of counsel for appellants, and by William D. Judge, for respondents.

No. 122.—*William Fallon, Jr., by his guardian, respondent, vs. The Central Park, North and East River Railroad Company, appellants.*—Argued by A. J. Vanderpoel, of counsel for appellant, and by Edward D. McCarthy, for respondents.

No. 123.—*Frederick S. Winston et al., Trustees, &c., respondents, vs. Edward Kilpatrick, impleaded, &c., appellants.*—Argued by Samuel Hand, of counsel for appellant, and by Townsend Wandell for respondents.

No. 38.—*Calvin Graves, Executor, &c., respondents, vs. Rensselaer Waterman, Administrator, &c., appellant.*—Argued by H. Sturges, of counsel for appellant, and by Samuel A. Bowen for respondent.

The following is the Court of Appeals day calendar for to-morrow: Nos. 79, 87, 91, 120, 125, 127, 128.

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

By Judge Davis.

Matter of Hart.—Opinion.

Holmes vs. Lissberger.—Injunction continued so far as it prevents defendant from interfering with or disposing of any of the assets, &c. Memorandum.

Orders Granted.—Sigison et al. vs. Sigison, Pawson vs. Francis.

Harlow, &c., vs. Sistare, and Sistare vs. Bleecker Street, &c., Railroad Company.—Order for the appointment of a Receiver of the railroad company, and its property, granted, and Alvan S. Southworth appointed Receiver upon his executing a bond in the penalty of $75,000, with at least two sureties. Memorandum.

By Judge Brady.

Granted.—National Bank of Scotland vs. Nicol; Naismith vs. Nichol; Lilienstein vs. Hoffman; Walter vs. Coates; Gaw vs. O'Reilly; Seyfert vs. Parsons; Stephens vs. Fowler; Bennett vs. Barney; McKee vs. Sweeney; Wood vs. Pratt; Steiner vs. Ingram; Delafield vs. Church; Fleming vs. West; Roberts vs. Dallimore; Matter of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church; Levy vs. Harris; Oram vs. Sterling; New-York Life Insurance Company vs. Hayes et al., (No. 4;) Payton vs. Schultz; Stevens vs. Rowe, and James vs. Carpenter.

Oberholser vs. Baker.—Order granted denying motion.

Doty vs. Metropolitan Collar Company.—Order granted overruling demurrer.

Orders Granted.—Van Horn vs. Pierson; Luckmeyer vs. McLaughlin; Glines vs. Voorhies; Hays vs. Austen et al.; Glines vs. Gill; Schuman vs. Smith; Tully vs. Brass.

Hannah F. Lahey vs. John Lahey.—Report of referee confirmed and decree of divorce granted to plaintiff.

Boomer vs. Whitman.—Motion granted, cause to be put down for second Friday of January, 1876.

Rae vs. Wilson.—Motion granted, cause put down for first Friday of January, 1876.

Dymond vs. Butterworth.—Motion denied without costs.

Fogg vs. Edwards.—Motion granted.

Katherine Kempf vs. George Kempf.—Order filed and entered, confirming report and granting decree of divorce to plaintiff.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

By Judge Van Vorst.

Clark vs. Cole, &c., et al.—Motion granted, allowance of $100.

By Judge Van Brunt.

Whiton et al. vs. Spring.—Case and findings settled.

DRIVEN TO CRIME.

George Smith, aged twenty-four, a native of Canada and a waiter by occupation, was called to the bar of the Court of General Sessions yesterday by Assistant District Attorney Herring to answer the charge of snatching an umbrella from the hands of Mrs. Jane Hall, No. 44 Horatio street, while that lady was walking on West Ninth street, on the 9th inst. Smith immediately pleaded guilty, as he had done when taken before the Police Magistrate, and requested the privilege of speaking a few words to Judge Sutherland. His Honor granted the request, whereupon Smith, who appeared to be truthful and intelligent, said that although he had committed a theft, he was not a thief. He had traveled the City all over, he said, in search of employment, but had failed to find any. Night after night he had slept in the station-houses, and had asked Capt. Lowery to send him on the island, where he would rather go than starve on the streets. The Captain replied that he could not send him on the island unless he committed some crime, whereupon he [Smith] in desperation snatched the umbrella from Mrs. Hall in order that he might be sent to prison. He declared that he had never before committed a theft, and should not have done so then only that he had been driven to it. Judge Sutherland said that the story of Smith was a pitiful one, and remanded him until his case could be inquired into.

NO AUCTION SALES AFTER SUNDOWN.

In the case of Matthews against the Mayor, &c., an application was made to Judge Brady, in Supreme Court, Chambers, yesterday, for an injunction to restrain the defendants from interfering with the plaintiff's business. The suit was brought in consequence of the enforcement by the City authorities of the act forbidding auction sales after sunset of all articles excepting books, prints, and imported goods in their original packages. It is claimed that Matthews was selling imported goods at night which had been taken out of their original packages. The sale in question was thereupon stopped. The auctioneer then brought this suit to restrain the City from any further and similar action. He claims that the goods which he was selling were all imported goods, and that the sale itself was only of samples, with the option on the purchaser's part of taking the original packages. He also urged that the act under discussion is unconstitutional, as being in restraint of trade. On the other hand it was urged that the act under which the sale was stopped is a mere Police regulation, and is well settled as such. It did not interfere in any way with the power of the United States to regulate foreign trade, and this had been so decided in various cases. At the conclusion of the argument Judge Brady took the papers, reserving his decision.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Held by Brady, J.

Nos.	Nos.
5—Brown vs. Lyddy et al.	135—Bleecker vs. Spofford.
7—N. Y. S. L. & T. Co. vs. Kneeland.	138—Olena vs. Bien.
9—Thurber vs. O'Neill.	140—Matter of Holt.
18—Miner vs. Crofutt.	154—Gaynor vs. Fleming.
35—Amerman vs. Bartow.	155—Matter of Quinn.
44—Pendergast vs. White.	160—Bunner vs. N. Y. Gaslight Co.
45—Bailey, &c., vs. Soutter, &c.	168—Citizens' Ins. Co. vs. Harris.
67—Averill vs. Rogers.	172—Matter of Mans.
74—Smieton vs. Burgess.	173—Matter of Spofford.
78—Kunkel vs. Mehrtens.	174—Matter of M. Hill Pres. Church.
79—Phillips vs. Bailey.	177—Salmon vs. Allen.
93—Kelsey, &c., vs. Hegeman.	181—Eaton vs. Eaton.
97—Freeligh vs. Matsell, &c.	211—L., N. Y. & H. Pub. Co. vs. Gatting.
103—Crotty vs. Crotty.	255—Barton vs. Lentz.
106—Bayles vs. Kleinsted.	256—Hurry vs. Lilienthal.
121—Jessup vs. Downs, &c.	258—Lange vs. Lange.
127—Haden vs. Schwenisberg.	262— —— vs. ——.
128—Miller vs. Enyer.	263— —— vs. ——.
134—Matter of King's Bridge Road.	267— —— vs. ——.
	269— —— vs. ——.
	272— —— vs. ——.
	278— —— vs. ——.
	281— —— vs. ——.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART I.

Held by Donohue, J.

Nos.	Nos.
1867—The Mayor, &c. vs. Wood.	3845—Genet vs. The Mayor, &c.
195½—Ontario Bank vs. McNeill.	2181—Roberts vs. Hill.
2819—Kelly vs. Boarey.	2119—Bigler et al. vs. The Mayor, &c.
1822—Creamer vs. The Mayor, &c.	1163—Fisk vs. Bradley.
1459—Anderson vs. Jacobs et al.	467—Steinbeck vs. Brennan, &c.
453—Richardson vs. O'Brien, &c.	1579—Sherman vs. Hoffman et al.
2558—Fitzpatrick vs. The Mayor, &c.	3473—Noonan vs. The Mayor, &c.
73—Newton vs. Continental Bank.	3449—O'Brien vs. The Mayor, &c.
3834—Sage vs. The Mayor, &c.	1641—Fisk vs. Felt.
2079—Higham vs. N. Y. C. & H. R. R. Co.	3686—Hartshorne, &c. vs. Buttershall et al.
2115—Weinhaus vs. The Mayor, &c.	2291—Comstock vs. Drohan.
777—Phelps vs. Middleton.	1629—Schappert vs. Sulzer.
1055—Wann vs. Ashley.	3961—Dietrich vs. The Mayor, &c.
897—Maillard vs. Paine et al.	3437—Hatch et al. vs. Friend.
3503—Fellows vs. The Mayor, &c.	579—N. Y. & B. Ferry Co. vs. Smith et al.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART II.

Held by Van Vorst, J.

Same calendar as was published yesterday.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART III.

Held by Lawrence, J.

Nos.	Nos.
1359—Poillon vs. Volkening et al.	3999—Crawford vs. The Mayor, &c.
3269—N. Y. B. Dock Co. vs. The Mayor, &c.	745½—Muller et al. vs. The Mayor, &c.
1247—Sun P. & P. Ass'n vs. Tribune Ass'n.	——Silberstein, &c., vs. Ebliry.
3630—Corrigan, &c., vs. The Mayor, &c.	1431½—Hart vs. Hatch.
141—Letchford et al. vs. Brauder, Jr. et al.	3001—Morange vs. Hymes et al.
3039—Freund et al vs. Imp. & T. Nat. Bk.	3922—Weber vs. Craig.
363—Reck vs. Phenix Ins. Company.	2979—Washington vs. The Mayor, &c.
3377—Sardinia vs. Blanco et al. &c.	4009—Clark vs. Waters et al.
1547—Hall vs. Robbins.	883½—Strasburger versus Belding et al. &c.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Held by Barrett, J.

Nos.	Nos.
Demurrers.	557—Hay vs. Star Fire Ins. Co.
8—Cheever, &c., vs. Lamat, &c.	106—Sterne vs. Goepp.
2—Healy et al. vs. The Mayor, &c.	652—Soper vs. McCormack.
3—Byrnes et al. vs. The Mayor, &c.	653—Same vs. Same.
4—Levy vs. The Mayor, &c.	654—Same vs. Same.
Law and Fact.	563—De Ruyter et al., &c., vs. Lambard et al.
401—Fairbanks, Jr., vs. Sargent.	580—Flint vs. Hemenway et al.
634—Bockhorn vs. Miller, et al.	75—McBride vs. McBride.
	536—Levy vs. Merrill.
	49—King vs. Duryea.
	275—— vs. ——.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Adjourned until Dec. 31.

SUPERIOR COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Adjourned sine die.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART I.

Held by Speir, J.

Case on—No. 855—New-York Guar. and Ind. Co. vs. Gleason, &c. No Day Calendar.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART II.

Held by Freedman, J.

Nos.	Nos.
1390—Klein vs. Conner, &c.	1358—Smyser vs. Bright.
856—Kerrigan vs. Broadway and Seventh avenue R. R. Co.	750—Conant et al. vs. French.
718—Weeks vs. Manhattan R. E. Ass.	772—Devlin vs. Cummings, &c.
556—Earl vs. Beadelston.	806—Olmstead vs. Avenue C. R. R. Co.
642—McArdle vs. Koehler.	596—Keogh vs. Stevenson.
726—Germania Bank vs. Kilian.	748—Cole et al. vs. New-York Match Co. et al.
898—Gillatte vs. Jackson et al.	618—Edwards vs. McCall.

SUPERIOR COURT—NOTICE TO THE BAR.

Friday, Dec. 24, will be the last day filing notes of issue for the General, Special, and Trial Terms of the Superior Court for January Term, 1876.

THOMAS BOESE, Clerk.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Held by Sedgwick, J.

Nos.	Nos.
48—Weinfeld vs. Johnson.	37—Gulch et al. vs. Crowley.
14—Olvany vs. Fox.	38—Cary vs. Smith.
13—Mierson vs. Hoyt.	23—Hennequin et al. vs. Clews.
6—Collender vs. Griffith, et al.	
11—Solomon, &c., vs. Fitzgibbon.	

COMMON PLEAS—EQUITY TERM.

Held by Van Brunt, J.

Case on—No. 51—Fields vs. Tannenholtz et al. No day calendar.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM—PART I.

Held by Larremore J.

Case on—No. 1978—O'Gorman vs. Kamak. No day calendar.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM—PART II.

Held by Loew, J.

Nos.	Nos.
1818—Walsh vs. The Mayor, &c.	2285—Whiting vs. The Mayor, &c.
1814—Littlepage vs. The Mayor, &c.	1203—Morgan vs. Cen. P., N. & E. R. R. R. Co.
1224—Fogg vs. Howard et al.	1683—Conroy vs. The Mayor, &c.
219—Schwartz vs. O'Brien.	1970—Weber vs. The Mayor, &c.
1208—Heyman et al. vs. Stevenson.	1811—Abrahams vs. The Mayor, &c.
566—Hexter vs. Brennan, &c.	1812½—Vandewater vs. The Mayor, &c.

COMMON PLEAS—GENERAL TERM.

Adjourned for the term.

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART I.

Held by McAdam, J.

Same calendar as was published yesterday.

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART II.

Held by Alker, J.

Nos.	Nos.
3648—Turk vs. Gilmore.	3678—Ubassey vs. Delaney.
5170—Lewis vs. Marsh.	3683—Banland et al. vs. Rubenstein.
5602—Quinn vs. Timoney.	3686—Loughery vs. Doremus.
5603—Willis vs. Timoney.	3690—Young et al. versus White.
5376—Mapes vs. Marston et al.	3691—Horey vs. Consumers' Ice Co.
6052—Herrman vs. Kramer.	3693—McMahon vs. Clapp, Jr.
3655—Knapp vs. N. Y. Cen. & H. R. R. R. Co.	
5652—Stauf vs. Weidman, &c.	
3677—Marcello vs. Morrello.	

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART III.

Held by Spaulding, J.

Nos.	Nos.
4658—Reinhardt et al. vs. Hughes et al.	5314—Roux et al. vs. Schaaf.
5729—Rodh vs. Dempsey.	2532—Convey vs. Hull.
5943—Maurice et al. vs. Garrison.	569—Gawtry et al. vs. Silk Mfg. Co. C. P.
6095—Files vs. Schwarzler.	3701—Brett vs. Burdick.
5642—Clarke et al. vs. Looram.	4358—Miller vs. Ludlam.
5448—Hull vs. Kasefury.	6078—Danziger vs. Moses.
5435—Phillips vs. Hoyt, &c.	6115—Higley et al. vs. Moran.
5842—Smith vs. Adams, Jr.	6194—Torrens vs. Harvey.
6063—Egan vs. Smith.	5496—Crooks vs. Mathias.
5997—Trimble vs. McConnell.	5136—Newman et al. vs. Schwarter et al.
5392—Hathorn vs. Arthur.	6210—Buck et al. vs. Wehage et al.
5588—Young vs. Bary.	5698—Wolf vs. Dunkinson et al.
4532—Harris vs. Isaacs et al.	5271—Hennessey vs. Warren et al.
3321—Frankenstein vs. Lindeman.	5468—Feust et al. vs. Fall et al.
5648—Vogel et al. vs. Maher et al.	
5325—Van Zandt et al. vs. Brown.	

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Held by Sutherland, J.

Morris W. Goldstein, arson.	Patrick Rielley and Daniel Coffin, grand larceny.
Charles Bovich and James Kavanagh, grand larceny.	Lyman Bullard, violating gambling laws.
George Rose, grand larceny.	

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—DEC. 21.

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—10 A. M.

300 Western Un...... 73⅝
200 do.......s3. 73⅝
200 do.......... 73¾
100 do.........c. 74
300 do.......... 74
5 N. Y. C. & Hud...104½
100 Erie Railway..... 15½
100 Pacific Mail...... 38⅞
500 do.......... 39
1900 do.......... 39½
1300 do.......... 39⅝
200 do.........c. 39⅝
100 do.........c. 39¾
100 Han. & St. Jo..... 21
100 do......b3. 21
500 Michigan Cen.... 58
100 do.......s3. 58⅜
200 do.......... 58½
100 do.......... 58⅝
100 do.......... 58¼
500 Ohio & Miss...... 16¼
100 do.......b3. 16¼
100 do......b3. 16½
100 St. Paul Pref..... 64¾
300 do.......... 65¼
200 do.......... 65⅛
200 do.......... 65¼
200 do.........c. 65¼
600 do.......s3. 65¼
100 do........c. 65⅜
1000 Lake Shore...... 60
100 do.......... 59⅞
1500 do.......... 60
1600 do.......... 60⅛
900 do.......b3. 60¼
700 do.......... 60⅜
1100 do.......s3. 60¼
600 do.......b3. 60⅜
500 do.......... 60½
100 do.......s5. 60⅜
2700 do.......... 60½
100 Panama......s60.124
200 St. Paul.......... 34½
100 do.......... 34⅝
100 do.......... 34¾
100 do.......b3. 34⅞
100 Rock Island......103⅞
200 North-western.... 38⅜
100 do.......... 38¼
100 do.......s3. 38¼
100 do.......... 38⅜
300 do.......... 38½
100 do......s30. 38⅝
700 do.......... 38¾
100 North-western Pf. 54⅝
200 do......b30. 54¾
100 do.......... 54¾
200 Tol. & Wab........ 3¾
200 C., C. & I. C....... 4

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—10:15 AND 11:30 A. M.

$3,000 U. S. 6s, '81, C.........s3.124
13,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65........12.115⅝
28,000 U. S. 5-20 C. '67............123
14,000 U. S. 5-20 C. '68........12..122¾
$10,000 U. S. 5-20 C. '65, new......120⅜
5,000 do......12.120⅜
10,000 U. S. 5s, 10-40 R..............117⅜
10,000 U. S. 5s, '81 C.117⅛
7,500 do......b.c.117¼

FIRST BOARD—10:30 A. M.

$1,000 S. C. 6s, new.. 35½
2,000 Tenn. 6s, old.. 41
1,000 do.......... 40⅞
1,000 Tenn. 6s, n. ser. 39½
1,000 Tenn. 6s, new. 39½
5,000 C. R. I. & P. 7s. 111
3,000 N. J. Cen. 1st. c. 110¾
5,000 do.......... 111
10,000 N. J. C. C. b. c. b3. 106¼
3,000 M. & St. P. 1st. LaC. Div.... 97½
1,000 do.....b. c. 98
2,000 do.......... 97¾
4,000 Am. D. I. Co. 7s. 103½
6,000 M. & E. 7s, '71. 107½
5,000 C. & M. 1st. b. c. 105
2,000 North Mo. 1st. 88⅝
8,000 O. & Miss. 2d.. 69
1,000 West. Pac. bds. 100
2,000 Un. Pacific 1st. 105⅜
1,000 U. P. 7s, L. G. 100⅞
21,000 do.......... 101
1,000 Un. Pac. S. F... 93⅛
10,000 Alt. & T. H. 1st.. 110
10,000 D. & H. r. bs, '94. 109
11,000 L. & N. con. '98. 85½
10,000 H. & G. N. 1st. b. c 60
5 Fourth Nat. B'k.. 97
20 Ger. Amer. Bank. 75
10 Bank of N. Y..... 134
10 Bank S. of N. Y.. 105
300 Quicksilver Pref. 24
13 Del. & H. Can. b. c. 123
100 Atl. & Pac. Tel. b. c. 18½
18 Wells-Fargo Ex.. 84½
20 Adams Ex....s3. 102½
50 American Ex., b. c. 57½
200 Pacific Mail.. b. c. 39⅝
100 do........c. 39⅝
800 do.......... 39½
400 do.......b3. 39½
100 do.......... 39½
700 do.......s3. 39½
800 do.......... 39⅝
100 do.........c. 39⅝
100 do......b10. 39¾
100 do.......s3. 39⅝
100 do.......s3. 39½
100 do.......... 39½
100 W. U. Tel. b. c. s3. 73⅞
100 do.......... 73⅞
100 C. & P. G'd... b. c. 90
100 Un. Pac... b. c. xd. 73
400 N. Y. C. & H. b. c.. 104¼
300 do.......... 104⅜
5 do.......... 104½
100 do.......... 104¼
200 Erie Rail'y. b. c. s3. 15½
200 Harlem Railroad. 130¾
100 Mich. Cen. b. c. b3. 58⅝
300 do.......s3. 58½
100 do.......b3. 58½
300 do.......... 58½
400 L. S. & M. So.. b. c. 60½
2400 do.......s3. 60⅜
500 do.......... 60⅜
50 do.......... 60¼
1800 do.......s3. 60¼
800 do.......... 60¼
1100 do.......... 60⅜
100 do.......s3. 60⅜
100 do.........c. 60¼
2200 do.......s3. 60¼
500 do.......s3. 60⅛
2400 do.......... 60⅛
200 C. & N. W. b. c. b30. 38¾
100 do.......s3. 38⅜
100 do.......s3. 38½
100 C. & N. W. Pf. b. c. 54⅞
100 do.......s3. 54⅞
300 do.......b3. 55
100 Chic. & R. I... b. c. 104
20 Cen. R. of N. J. b. c. 105¼
100 do......s3. 105½
100 do.......... 105⅜
10 do.......... 105½
100 C., M. & S. P.. b. c. s3. 34¾
100 do.......... 34⅝
200 do.......b3. 34⅝
100 do.......s3. 34⅝
100 C., M. & S. P. Pf. b. c. c 65½
100 do.......s3. 65¼
200 do.......... 65¼
600 do.......... 65⅛
200 Tol., W. & W. b. c. 3⅝
100 do.......... 3¾
700 Del., L. & W.. b. c. 120
50 C., C., C. & I... b. c. 59
50 P., Ft. W. & C. G. b. c. 99
100 N. J. Southern. b. c. 1
100 Atl. & Pac. Pf. b. c. 3¾
200 Pac. R. of Mo. b. c. 12¼
300 do.......s3. 12⅛

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—12:30 P. M.

$5,000 Mich. So. 2d.. c. 101¼
2,000 H. & St. Jo. 8s, C. 80
4,000 Cen. Pac. G. B. 107
1,000 Un. Pac. 1st.. 105
300 Western Union... 73¾
200 do.......b3. 73¾
100 Wells-Fargo Ex. 86
100 Erie Railway. s3. 15½
100 do.......s5. 15½
100 Mich. Central... c. 58¼
200 do.......... 58¼
100 do.......... 58⅛
1500 Lake Shore...... 60⅛
2600 do.......s3. 60
2200 do.......s3. 59⅞
500 do.........c. 59⅞
1500 do.......... 59⅞
700 do.......s3. 59¾
500 do.......s3. 59⅞
500 do.......... 60
1000 do.......... 59⅞
1400 do.......... 59¾
100 do.......... 59⅝
2500 do.......s3. 59⅝
300 do.......b3. 59¾
100 Pacific Mail... s3. 39⅜
100 do.......... 39⅜
2000 do.......... 39¼
200 do.......s3. 39¼
200 N. Y. C. & Hud... 104¼
40 North-western... 38⅛
200 North-west. Pref. 54½
50 do.......... 54¼
100 do.......... 54⅜
200 Pacific R. of Mo.. 12¼
300 do.......... 12⅜
300 Toledo & Wabash. 3½
100 do.......... 3¼
600 do.......... 2¾
100 do.......... 2½
300 St. Paul.......... 34¼
100 do.......... 34⅛
400 do.......s3. 34⅛
100 St. Paul Pref..... 65⅛
600 do.......s3. 65
200 do.......... 65
100 Ohio & Miss Pref. 35
100 St. L. & K. C. Pf. s30. 22
100 do.......... 22½

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—2 P. M.

$28,000 U. S. 6s, R., '81..... b. c. 119¾
23,000 U. S. 5-20s, R., '67..... b. c. 119½
$5,000 U. S. 10-40s, R. 117⅛
15,000 U. S. 5s, R., '81. 117
3,000 U. S. 5s, C., '81. 117⅛

SECOND BOARD—1 P. M.

$10,000 Dist. of Col. 3.65s..... b. c. 67¼
5,000 Un. Pac. S. F.. 93⅛
5,000 do..... b. c. 93
50,000 N. W. C. C. G. 85
6,000 C. & N. W. Int. 102
1,000 Long Dock bs. 101½
10,000 M. & S. P. I. & M. d 86
1,000 O. & Miss. 2d.. 68¾
50 Bk. of Commerce. 124
1600 West. Un..... b. c. 73⅝
200 do.......s3. 73½
700 do.......... 73½
300 do.......b3. 73⅝
400 do.......s3. 73⅝
300 do.......... 73⅝
20 Wells-Fargo Ex.. 86⅜
20 U. S. Express. b. c. 62
600 Pac. Mail.. b. c. s3. 39⅛
400 do.......... 39⅛
100 do.........c. 39⅛
1100 do.......... 39¼
900 do.......... 39⅜
100 do.......... 39¼
200 N. Y. C. & H. R.. b. c. 104
400 Harlem...... b. c. 130½
400 do.......... 130
300 Erie...... b. c. s3. 15½
200 do.......... 15½
100 do.......b3. 15⅝
300 Chic. & N. W. b. c. 38⅜
300 do.......... 38¼
100 C., C. & I. C. b. c. s3. 3⅞
100 do.......... 4
300 Mich. Cen... b. c. 58
100 do.......s3. 58⅛
500 do.......... 58
100 do.......... 57⅝
100 do.......b3. 57¾
100 do......s60. 57
100 do.......... 57⅝
100 do.......... 57¾
200 do.......s3. 57½
1600 L. S. & M. S. b. c. s3. 59⅝
1700 do.......... 59⅝
3400 do.......... 59¾
1100 do.......s3. 59¾
300 do.......b3. 59⅞
500 do.........c. 59¾
1500 do.......s3. 59¾
400 Un. Pac... b. c. s3. 72¼
100 do.......... 72¼
100 Ill. Central... b. c. 96½
100 C. R. of N. J. b. c. s3. 105¼
200 C., M. & S. P. b. c. b3. 34⅛
200 do.......s3. 34⅛
300 do.......... 34⅛
200 C., M. & S. P. Pf... 64⅞
200 do... b. c. s3. 64⅞
200 do.......... 64¾
200 Tol., W. & W. b. c. 2¾
100 do.......... 2⅞
200 do.......... 3
100 Ohio & Miss.. b. c. 16¼
100 St. L., K. C. & N. Pf. 21
200 do.......... 20
100 C. & N. W. Pf. b. c. 54⅜

SALES FROM 2:30 TO 3 P. M.

$10,000 Mo. 6s, L. B. 102¾
14,000 Union P. L. G. 101¼
25,000 N. W. C. C. G.. 85
100 At. & Pac. Tel... 18¼
100 N. Y. Cen. & Hud. 103⅞
600 W. U. Tel...... s3. 73½
400 do.......... 73¼
100 do.......s3. 73⅜
200 do.......... 73⅜
100 do.......s3. 73¼
500 do.......... 73⅜
100 do.......s3. 73⅜
100 Union Pacific.... 72⅛
100 Illinois Central.. 96½
200 Pacific Mail...... 39⅛
300 do.......... 39
600 do.......s3. 39
100 do.......s3. 38⅞
600 do.......... 38⅞
100 do.......b3. 38⅞
100 do.......b3. 39
300 do.......... 38⅞
100 Rock Island...... 104
300 Erie Railway.. s3. 15½
600 do.......... 15½
600 do.......... 15⅜
400 do.......... 15¼
100 do.......... 15⅜
200 North-western... 38¼
600 do.......... 38⅛
600 do.......s3. 38
100 do.......... 38⅛
50 Kansas Pacific... 13
100 N. W. Pref..... b3. 54⅜
300 do.......... 54¼
200 do.......... 54⅜
100 do.......... 54¼
100 Michigan Central. 57⅝
300 do.......s3. 57½
200 do.......... 57⅝
100 do.......... 57¾
200 do.......... 57⅝
100 do.......s3. 57½
600 Lake Shore.... s3. 59⅝
2000 do.......... 59½
2500 do.......... 59½
1500 do.......... 59⅜
1900 do.......... 59¼
2200 do.......s3. 59⅛
1000 do.......... 59⅛
3000 do.......s3. 59
3000 do.......... 59⅛
2000 do.......... 59¼
200 do.......b3. 59¼
300 St. Paul.......... 34
300 do.......s3. 34
200 do.......... 33⅞
100 do.......... 33¾
500 do.......... 33¾
100 St. Paul Pref.... s3. 64½
50 Tol. & Wabash... 3¼
100 do.......... 3
200 Ohio & Miss...... 16⅛
100 St. L. & K. C. Pf.. 19½
200 Pac. R. of Mo... s3. 12
400 C., C. & I. C...... 3¾

TUESDAY, Dec. 21—P. M.

The stock market was lower to-day under a pressure to sell on the part of the bears, who made the most of the proposed reduction in the rates of westward bound freight. This question really has not the great significance which speculators on the "short" side of the market desire to give it. It appears that the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada is carrying westward bound freight at unremunerative rates, acting in concert with the Vermont Central, which is in the hands of a Receiver. The leading trunk lines threaten to reduce their rates unless the Grand Trunk advances its rates, and it is understood that the latter has until to-morrow to give a final answer. The amount of westward bound freight is always small at this season, and therefore, a reduction at the present juncture would make much less difference than at almost any other time. There seems to be no controversy about eastward bound freights, for which the roads are getting schedule rates. During the first half hour of business prices made an advance of ¼ to ⅞ per cent., but this was followed by a decline of ¼ to 1½ ₱ cent., the market being weak until near the close of the day. Lake Shore advanced to 60½ and fell off to 59, the transactions in the stock amounting to 67,000 shares, out of a total business of nearly 123,000 shares. Michigan Central rose to 58⅝, but declined later to 57½, which was the closing price. After the early advance North-western Common fell off from 38¾ to 38, Preferred from 55 to 54¼; St. Paul from 34⅞ to 33¾, Preferred from 65½ to 64½; Union Pacific from 73 to 72⅛, ex-dividend; Pacific Mail from 39¾ to 38⅞, and Western Union from 74 to 73¼. Toledo and Wabash declined from 3¾ to 2½, the last sales being made at 3. The other changes were not especially important.

The money market worked steadily with 6@7 ₱ cent. as the ruling rates for call loans until late in the afternoon, when some transactions were reported as hight as 1-32 per diem. The closing business was at 7 ₱ cent. The banks are ready lenders at 6@7 ₱ cent. when acceptable stock and miscellaneous collaterals are pledged, and at 4@5 ₱ cent. to the Government bond dealers. Prime mercantile paper was quoted at 6 to 8 ₱ cent. The amount of National Bank notes received at Washington for redemption to-day was $300,000.

The foreign advices reported a slight decline in consols at London, United States bonds being quiet and firm. The former closed at 93 11-16@93¾ for money and 93¾@93⅞ for the account, and the latter at 104 for old 1865s, 106¾@107 for 1867s, 106½ for 10-40s, and 104¾@105 for new 5s. Erie sold at 13⅞@14. The Bank of England lost £15,000 bullion, withdrawn on balance, to-day. The sterling exchange market was firm, and in the afternoon the leading drawers advanced their rates from $4 85½ to $4 86 for 60 days and from $4 89½ to $4 90 for demand sterling. Actual business was at slight concessions. Some of the bankers are buying freely in order to cover the remittances on account of January coupons. The continued importation of United States Bonds from Europe also increases the demand for exchange and has cleared the market of nearly all important amounts of commercial bills offering, so that rates have advanced to nearly the specie shipping point. The gold speculation was tame and devoid of interest, the only registered quotations having been 113⅜ and 113¼, which were the opening and closing figures. The rates paid to have gold balances carried were 1 to 3 ₱ cent., with some loans reported free of interest.

In Government bonds a small business was done, the market in tone being firm. Railroad bonds were moderately active and generally firm. The Pacific issues were well represented. Union Pacific Firsts fell off ⅝ ₱ cent. to 105, and Land Grants advanced ¾ ₱ cent. to 101¼. There were some large transactions in Chicago and North-western consolidated coupon gold bonds at 85, against 84½ at the close yesterday. Milwaukee and St. Paul, La Crosse Division, rose to 98, and Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific 7s to 111. Hannibal and St. Joseph Convertible declined to 80. State bonds were weak and lower for Tennessees, which sold at 40⅞@41 for old, and at 39½ for new and new series. Missouri Long 6s were firm at 102¾.

The exports of domestic produce and miscellaneous goods from the port of New-York for the week ending this date are $6,286,600, against $5,808,850 for the corresponding week in 1874 and $5,548,847 in 1873. The total exports of produce from the port since Jan. 1, this year, amount to $251,201,497, against $281,672,623 for the corresponding period of 1874, and $293,273,871 for 1873.

UNITED STATES TREASURY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1875.

Gold receipts	$405,600 63
Gold payments	368,481 37
Gold balance	42,046,704 88
Currency receipts	781,774 32
Currency payments	1,221,381 52
Currency balance	37,781,092 58
Customs	165,060 00

CLOSING QUOTATIONS—DEC. 21.

	Monday.	Tuesday.
American Gold	113⅜	113¼
United States 5s, 1881, coupons	117⅛	117
United States 5-20s, 1867, coupons	123	122⅞
Bills on London	$4 85¼@$4 85½	$4 85½@$4 86
New-York Central	104¼	103⅞
Rock Island	104	104
Pacific Mail	39	38⅞
St. Paul	34⅜	33¾
St. Paul Preferred	65¼	64½
Lake Shore	60¼	59¼
North-west	38⅜	38⅛
North-west Preferred	54½	54¼
Western Union	73⅝	73¼
Union Pacific	74⅛	*72
Wabash	3⅞	3
Delaware, Lack. and Western	119½	119⅞
New-Jersey Central	105⅜	105¼
Panama	125	125
Erie	15⅜	15¼
Ohio	16⅜	16⅛
C., C. & I. C.	4¼	3¾
*Harlem	130⅛	130

*Ex-dividend.

The extreme range of prices in stocks and the number of shares sold are as follows:

	Highest.	Lowest.	No. of Shares.
New-York Central	104⅜	103⅞	1,305
Harlem	130¾	130	1,000
Erie	15⅝	15¼	3,100
Lake Shore	60½	59	67,150
Wabash	3¾	2½	2,250
North-western	38¾	38	4,140
North-western Preferred	55	54¼	2,050
Rock Island	104	103⅞	300
Milwaukee and St. Paul	34⅞	33⅝	3,700
Milwaukee and St. Paul Pref.	65½	64½	4,300
Pittsburg	90	90	150
Delaware, Lack. and West.	120	119⅞	700
New-Jersey Central	105⅜	105¼	330
Michigan Central	58⅝	57½	4,800
Illinois Central	96½	96⅜	200
Union Pacific	73	72⅛	700
C., C. and Ind. Central	4	3¾	700
Hannibal and St. Joseph	21	20¾	100
St. Louis, K., C. and N. Pref.	22½	19	600
Ohio and Mississippi	16½	16⅛	1,100
Missouri Pacific	12⅜	12	1,200
Atlantic and Pacific Pref	3¾	3¾	100
Western Union	74	73¼	7,300
Atlantic and Pacific Tel.	18½	18¼	200
Pacific Mail	39¾	38⅞	15,500
Quicksilver Preferred	24	24	300
Wells, Fargo & Co. Express	86	86	170
Total sales			122,895

The following were the closing quotations of Government Bonds:

	Bid.	Asked.
United States Currency, 6s	122	123
United States 6s, 1881, registered	119⅝	119¾
United States 6s, 1881, coupons	124⅛	124½
United States 5-20s, 1864, registered	115	....
United States 5-20s, 1864, coupons*	114	....
United States 5-20s, 1865, registered	115¾	116
United States 5-20s, 1865, coupons	115⅝	116
United States 5-20s, 1865, new reg	116¾	117
United States 5-20s, 1865, new coup	120⅛	120⅜
United States 5-20s, 1867, registered	119⅜	119½
United States 5-20s, 1867, coupons	122¾	122⅞
United States 5-20s, 1868, registered	119¼	119½
United States 5-20s, 1868, coupon	122¾	123
United States 10-40s, registered	117	117⅛
United States 10-40s, coupons	118	118¼
United States 5s, 1881, registered	116⅞	117
United States 5s, 1881, coupons	116⅞	117⅛

*Called.

The Sub-Treasury disbursed in coin $205,000 for interest, and $9,000 for called bonds.

The following table shows the transactions at the Gold Exchange Bank to-day:

Gold cleared	$40,890,000
Gold balances	765,007
Currency balances	991,002

The following is the Clearing-house statement:

Currency exchanges	$71,356,407
Currency balances	3,068,958
Gold exchanges	5,024,731
Gold balances	1,202,412

The following were the bids for the various State securities:

Alabama 5s, '83	26
Alabama 8s, '86	25½
Alabama 8s, '88	26
Arkansas 6s, Funded	39
Ark. 7s, L. R. & Ft. S. is.	10
Ark. 7s, Mem. & L. R.	10
A. 7s, L. R. P. B. & N. O.	10
A. 7s, M., O. & R. Riv.	10
Ark. 7s, Ark. Cen. R.	10
Connecticut 6s	108
Georgia 6s	92
Ga. 7s, new bonds	103
Ga. 7s, indorsed	100
Ga. 7s, Gold bonds	100⅛
Indiana 5s	103
Illinois Coup. 6s, '77	103
Illinois Coup. 6s, '79	103
Illinois War Loan	103
Kentucky 6s	103¼
Louisiana 6s	40
La. 6s, new bonds	40
La. 6s, new Fl't'g Dbt.	40
La. 7s, Penitentiary	40
La. 6s, Levee bonds	41
La. 8s, Lev. B. of '75	41
Michigan 6s, '78-9	105
Michigan 6s, '83	106
Michigan 7s, '90	109
Mo. 6s, due in '76	102
Mo. 6s, due in '77	102
Mo. 6s, due in '78	101⅞
Mo. 6s, due in '79	101⅞
Mo. 6s, due in '80	102
Fund. bds., due '94-5	102½
L. bs., due '81 to '91 in.	102¼
Asylum or U., due '92	102¼
Han. & St. J., due '76	101⅞
Han. & St. J., due '86	101¾
Han. & St. J., due '87	101¾
N. Y. 6s, G. C., '87	115
N. C. 6s, o., A. & O.	14½
N. C., N. C. R., J. & J.	50
N. C., N. C. R., A. & O.	50
N. C., NCR, c. off, J. & J.	35
N. C., NCR, c. off, A. & O.	35
N. C., F. Act, '66	8
N. C., F. Act, '68	7
N. C., n. bs., J. & J.	7
N. C., n. bs., A. & O.	7
N. C., S. Tax, class 1.	3⅛
N. C., S. Tax, class 2.	3
N. C., S. Tax, class 3.	3
Ohio 6s, '75	100
Ohio 6s, '81	103
Ohio 6s, '86	108
Rhode Island 6s	107
South Carolina 6s	35
S. C. 6s, J. & J.	35¾
S. C. 6s, A. & O.	34
S. C., F. Act, '66	35
S. C., L. C., '89, J. & J.	38
S. C., L. C., '89, A. & O.	38
S. C. 7s of '88	36
S. C., Non-fund. bs.	4⅞
Tennessee 6s, old	40⅝
Tenn. 6s, n. bds	39½
Tenn. 6s, n. bs., n. s.	39⅜
Texas 10s of '76	100
Virginia 6s, old	37
Va. 6s, n. bds., '66	38
Va. 6s, n. bds., '67	38
Va. 6s, C. bds	75½
Va. 6s, ex m. coup.	71
Va. 6s, C., 2d ser.	46
Va. 6s, Def. bds	8½
Dis. of Col. 3.65s, 1924	67

And the following for railway mortgages:

Alb. & Sus. 1st bds.	116¼
Alb. & Sus. 3d bds.	101
B., H. & Erie 1st	18½
B., H. & E. guar'd	18
B., C. R. & M. 1st 7s, gd.	34
Ches. & Ohio 6s 1st	27
C. & O. 6s 1st x c.	23
Chic. & Alt. 1st	114½
C., B. & Q. 8 ₱ ct. 1st	118
C., B. & Q. con. 7s	110¼
C., R. I. & Pac. 1st 7s	110⅝
C., R. I. & P. S. F. I. 6s '95	99½
C. R. of N. J. 1st cons.	111
C. R. of N. J. 1st conv.	106
L. & W. B'e C. g'd	25½
Am. Dock & Imp. bs.	103
Cleve. & Tol. n. bds.	102
C., P. & Ash. old bds.	104½
C., P. & Ash. n. bds.	102
Det., Mon. & Tol. bds.	101½
Buffalo & Erie n. bds.	101
Buffalo & State L. 7s.	103
Kala. & W. Pig. 1st	88
Lake Shore D. B.	101½
Lake Shore C. C. 2d.	94
Lake Shore C. R. 2d.	94
Marietta & Cin. 1st	106
Mich. Cen. C. 7s, 1902	102
Mich. C. 1st 8s '82 S. F.	114½
N. Y. Cen. 6s, '83	102
N. Y. Cen. 6s, '87	101
N. Y. Cen. 6s, R. E.	100
M. & St. P. 1st 8s, P. D.	115
M. & S. P. 2d 7 3-10 P. D.	94
M. & S. P. 1st 7s G. R. D.	94
M. & St. P. 1st, La C. D.	97⅝
M. & St. P. 1st, I. & M. D	86
M. & St. P 1st, C. & M.	89
M. & St. P. Con. S. F.	81¾
Mil. & St. P. 2d	87
Chi. & N. W. S. F.	105
Chi. & N. W. In. bs.	102
C. & N. W. Cons. bs.	99¼
C. & N. W. Ext. bs.	90
Chi. & N. W. 1st	100½
C. & N. W. C. B.	84¾
Galena & Chi. Ext.	105½
Peninsula 1st, Conv.	98
Chi. & Mil. 1st	104
Winona & St. P. 1st.	80
Winona & St. P. 2d.	55
C., C., C. & I. 1st. 7s, S. F.	105⅝
Del., L. & W. 2d	114
Morris & Essex 1st	114½
Morris & Essex 2d	110
Mor. & Es. bs., 1900	103
Mor. & Es. Construc.	101¾
Mor. & Es. 7s of '71	107½
Mor. & Es. 1st, C. G.	105
Erie 1st, Extended	104¼
Erie 2d, 7s, '79	101
Erie 3d, 7s, '83	94⅞
Erie 4th, 7s, '80	94
Erie 5th, 7s, '88	93⅛
Long Dock bonds	101
B., N. Y. & E. 1st	85
H. & St. Jo. 8s, Con.	80½
C. F. & Minn. 1st	83
Ind., B. & W. 2d	10
Mich. So. 7 ₱ ct.. 2d.	101⅛
M. S. & N. I. S. F. 7 ₱ ct.	105½
Cleve. & Tol. S. F.	107½
N. Y. Cen. 6s, Sub.	100
N. Y. Cen. 7s, '76	102¾
N. Y. C. & H. 1st, coup.	124½
Hud. R. 7s, 2d. S. F. '85	109½
Harlem 1st, 7s, reg.	114
North Missouri 1st	88½
O. & M. Con. S. F.	94¾
Ohio & M. 2d Consol.	68⅝
O. & M. 1st S. div.	15
Cen. Pac. Gold bds.	106¾
Cen. Pac., C. & O. 1st.	92
Cen. P. L. Grant bds.	91½
Western Pac. Bds.	99¼
Union Pacific 1st	105¼
Union Pac. L. G. 7s.	101⅛
Union Pacific S. F.	93
Pacific R. of Mo. 1st.	82
Pac. R. 7s, g. by Mo.	102¾
Pitts., Ft. W. & C. 1st,	115
Pitts., Ft. W. & C. 2d.	109
Pitts., Ft. W. & C. 3d.	102
Clev. & P. Con. S. F.	107
Clev. & Pitts. 4th	103
Col., Chi. & Ind. 1st.	44
St. L. & Iron M. 1st.	94½
Alton & T. H. 1st	110
Alton & T. H. 2d Pf.	85
Alton & T. H. 2d Inc.	67¼
Tol., P. & W. 1st, E. D.	79
Tol., P. & W. 1st, W. D.	70
Toledo & W. 1st, Ex.	80½
Tol. & W. 1st S. L. div.	57
Toledo & Wabash 2d	50
Toledo & W. Con. Con.	28
Hannibal & N. 1st	29
Gt. West. 1st, 1888	80
Gt. West. 2d, 1893	50½
Q. & Tol. 1st, 1890	42
Illinois & S. Iowa, 1st	30
Lafayette, B. & M. 1st.	60

And the following for the City bank shares:

America	153
American Exchange	116
Central National	102½
Chatham	140
City	300
Commerce	122½
Continental	86
Corn Exchange	133
East River	104
Fourth National	96
Fulton	150
Gold Exchange	120
Hanover	85
Import'rs & Trad'rs.	197
Irving	123
Manhattan	150
Mercantile	107
Merchants' Exch'ge.	123
Nassau	103
New-York	133¾
Ninth National	82
North America	101
Phenix	100¼

PHILADELPHIA STOCK PRICES—DEC. 21.

Telegraphed to Messrs. Randolph, Bickley & Co.

	Bid.	Asked.
City 6s, new	105½	105¾
Pennsylvania Railroad	51⅞	52
Philadelphia & Reading Railroad	55⅛	55¼
Lehigh Valley Railroad	61½	62
Catawissa Railroad Preferred	43¾	44
Philadelphia & Erie Railroad	20⅛	20¼
Northern Central Railroad	34½	34¾
Lehigh Navigation	49⅞	50
Lehigh Navigation, Gold Loan	104	....

The January interest on the first mortgage coupon bonds and the second mortgage registered bonds of the Buffalo, New-York and Philadelphia Railroad Company will be paid on and after the 3d prox., at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company.

The Irving National Bank has declared a dividend of *Five ₱ cent.*, free of tax, payable Jan. 3.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

☞ CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILROAD. Holders of the first mortgage Six per Cent. Gold Bonds of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company are notified that by sending their address to the Committee, at the office of Perkins, Livingston, Post & Co., No. 59 Liberty st., a copy of the plan of reorganization will be forwarded to them.

C. L. PERKINS,
JESSE HOYT,
L. H. MEYER,
Committee of First Mortgage Bondholders.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 2, 1875.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

NEW-YORK, Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1875.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last have been as follows:

Ashes, pks	4
Broom-corn, bales	88
Bees-wax, pks	1
Cotton, bales	7,607
Cotton-seed Oil, bbls.	386
Copper, bbls	16
Dried Fruit, pks	79
Eggs, bbls	1,304
Flour, bbls	23,015
Wheat, bushels	71,744
Corn, bushels	37,988
Oats, bushels	9,620
Rye, bushels	50
Malt, bushels	1,040
Barley, bushels	7,000
Grass-seed, bags	325
Beans, bbls	456
Peas, bushels	1,055
Corn-meal, bbls	140
Corn-meal, bags	876
B. W. Flour, pks	200
Oat-meal, bbls	100
Hops, bales	1,059
Hides, No	500
Hides, bales	344
Leather, sides	31,208
Lead, pigs	270
Molasses, (N. O.) bbls.	399
Spirits Turp., bbls	227
Crude Turp., bbls	150
Resin, bbls	2,236
Oil-cake, pks	1,524
Pork, pks	3,338
Beef, pks	1,269
Cut-meats, pks	2,690
Grease, pks	195
Lard, pks	1,547
Butter, pks	3,519
Cheese, pks	5,319
Tallow, pks	166
Dressed Hogs, No	188
Pea-nuts, bags	36
Pecans, pks	77
Rice, pks	65
Sugar, (N. O.) hhds	570
Sugar, (N. O.) bbls	552
Starch, bxs	450
Tobacco, hhds	176
Tobacco, bxs., & cs.	277
Whisky, bbls	839
Wool, bales	168
Syrup, bbls	16

ASHES—A very slow trade has been reported in this line on the previous basis of $5@$5 50 for Pots and $7 for Pearls ₱ 100 ℔.

BEES-WAX—Has been scarce and quiet, with Yellow quoted at from 31½c.@33c. ₱ ℔.

COFFEE—Rio has been very quiet in the local market and quoted somewhat nominal as to values. At Baltimore sales have been made of 874 bags, by the Drummond, and 813 bags, by the Templar, on private terms.....The week's receipts of Rio and Santos here have been 10,500 bags; sales, 15,284 bags; stock in first hands to-day here, this morning, 142,255 bags, and at all the ports, 236,371 bags, including 52,347 bags at Baltimore, 6,000 bags at Hampton Roads, 3,200 bags at Richmond, 3,000 bags at Savannah, 14,369 bags at New-Orleans, 9,500 bags at Galveston, 5,100 bags at Mobile. The amount of Rio and Santos afloat and loading for the United States to Nov. 8 was 113,398 bags, and the purchases for the United States to Dec. 18 were 322,000 bags....Other kinds inactive at former (nominal) figures....We quote invoices (nominally) thus: Rio, good ordinary, 17¼c.@17½c.; fair, 18½c.@18¾c.; good, 19c.@19¼c.; prime, 19½c.@19¾c., gold, ₱ ℔., 60 days' credit; Rio, in job lots, 17¼c.@20¾c., gold; Santos, fair to good, invoices, 18¼c.@19¼c.; Java, invoices, 26c.@27½c.; Maracaibo, 19c.@21c.; Laguayra, 19½c.@20½c., Savanilla, 19c.@21c.; Mexican, 19¼c.@20½c., and Ceylon, 20c.@21½c., gold, ₱ ℔.

COTTON—Has been in moderate demand for early delivery, mainly on export account, at somewhat easier prices, though the official figures have not been altered....Ordinary now quoted at 10 15-16c.; Low Middling, 12 13-16c.@13 1-16c.; Middling, 13 5-16c.@13½c. ₱ ℔....Sales were officially reported, for prompt delivery, of 843 bales, (of which 410 bales were on last evening,) including 650 bales to shippers, and 193 bales to spinners. In addition to this business, 1,000 bales were also rumored sold for export on private terms....The business for forward delivery has been less active, with values closing about steady. Sales have been reported since our last of 17,300 bales, (of which 7,500 bales were on last evening and 9,800 bales to-day,) with 200 bales on the calls, on the basis of Middling, with December options closing at 13⅛c.@13 5-32c.; January, 13 3-16c.@13 7-32c.; February, 13⅜c.@13 13-32c.; March, 13 21-32c.; April, 13⅞c.@13 29-32c.; May, 14 3-32c.@14⅛c.; June, 14 5-16c.; July, 14 7-16c.@14 15-32c.; August, 14½c.@14 17-32c..... The receipts at this port to-day were 7,607 bales, and at all the shipping ports were 31,858 bales, against 30,672 bales same day last week, and thus far this week, 108,039 bales, against 99,781 bales same time last week....The receipts at all the shipping ports since Sept. 1, 1875, have been 2,064,768 bales, against 1,912,572 bales the corresponding time in the preceding Cotton year....Consolidated exports (three days) to Great Britain from all the shipping ports, 24,121 bales; to the Continent, 16,364 bales....Stock in New-York to-day, 117,375 bales; consolidated stock at the ports, 733,491 bales.

Closing Prices of Cotton in New-York.

	Uplands.	Alabama.	N. O.	Texas.
Ordinary	10 15-16	10 15-16	10 15-16	10 15-16
Strict Ordinary	11 7-16	11 7-16	11 7-16	11 7-16
Good Ordinary	12 1-16	12 1-16	12 3-16	12 3-16
Strict Good Ord.	12 7-16	12 7-16	12 9-16	12 9-16
Low Middling	12 13-16	12 15-16	13 1-16	13 1-16
Strict Low Mid.	13⅛	13¼	13⅜	13⅜
Middling	13 5-16	13 7-16	13½	13½
Good Middling	13 11-16	13 13-16	13 15-16	13 15-16
Strict Good Mid.	14	14⅛	14¼	14¼
Middling Fair	14⅜	14½	14⅝	14⅝
Fair	15¼	15⅜	15½	15½

Stained.

Good Ordinary	11 7-16	Low Middling	12⅜
Strict Good Ord.	12 3-16	Middling	12 11-16

FISH—Mackerel, in light supply and wanted; large No. 2 held at $17, (on an offering of about 300 bbls.;) 200 bbls. large No. 3 sold at $10; and 500 bbls. small do. at $10@$10 50. Dry Cod and Smoked Herring unchanged; quiet. Of Labrador Herring, 1,000 pks. sold at $5 75@$6.

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western Flour has been generally dull and heavy since our last, with rather more urgent offerings of most kinds. The export inquiry has been light, and the home trade call confined to small lots, to provide for urgent wants. Sales have been reported since our last of 9,900 bbls. of all grades, including unsound lots, at $4 25@$6, mainly at $4 75@$5 25; very inferior to choice No. 2 Flour, $3 40@$4 25, mainly at $3 60@$4; poor to choice Superfine and Western at $4 40@$4 75, chiefly at $4 45@$4 60 for fair to very good; inferior to choice Extra State, $4 90@$5 40, mainly at $5 15@$5 35; choice to fancy do., $5 40@$5 85; City Mills Extra, $5 10@$6 75, chiefly at $6@$6 40; poor to very choice shipping Extra Western at $4 90@$5 50, chiefly at $5 25@$5 50; round-hoop Ohio at $4 90@$5 40, for small lots and lines; very poor to very choice Minnesota Extras, plain, $5 15@$7 15; and patent at $6 50@$9 50, chiefly at $7 25@$7 90; Western trade and family Extra, Spring Wheat stock, $5 45@$7 10, chiefly at $6@$6 50; fair to very choice Western trade and family Extra, Red and Amber (Winter) Wheat stock, at $5 45@$7 15; Western White do., Extras, $5 75@$8 50; St. Louis Extras, $5 75@$8 75, with very fancy do. at higher figures; Extra Genesee, $5 85@$7 ₱ bbl. Included in the sales have been 3,600 bbls. shipping stock, part City Mill, on the basis of our quotations....Southern Flour dull and quoted weak in price. Sales have been reported since our last of 840 bbls., in lots, at $4 40@$4 75 for inferior to choice Superfine; $4 90@$6 50 for very poor to choice shipping Extras; $6 60@$8 75 for ordinary to very choice trade and family Extras....Rye Flour has been offered less freely and quoted very firm, but has been less active, the high prices asked for best Superfine checking business.....We quote at from $4 35@$5 50 for poor to very choice Superfine. Sales 320 bbls., chiefly at $5 30@$5 50 for Superfine, part to arrive soon....Corn-meal has been in light demand, within the range of from $3 15@$3 65 for poor to very choice Yellow Western; $3 15@$3 60 for White do.; $3 30@$3 65 for Jersey and Pennsylvania, and $3 95@$4 for Brandywine. Sales have been reported of equal to 400 bbls....Corn-meal, in bags, selling slowly at $1 15@$1 75 for poor to very choice, with fancy quoted up to $1 85 ₱ 100 ℔....Buckwheat Flour has been quoted at from $2 25@$2 70 for poor to fancy State, and $2 35@$2 75 for Pennsylvania ₱ 100 ℔.

FRUITS—There has been a fair movement noted in this line at steady prices. Sales include 2,500 bxs. Layer Raisins at $2 80; small lot quarter bxs. do., 95c.; 2,000 half bxs. Valencia Raisins, 10½c.; 140 cks. Turkey Prunes at 6c.; 300 quarter bxs. Sardines, 13¾c.@14c.; 500 bags Brazil Nuts at 8c.; 100 bags Sicily Filberts at 10c.; 900 bbls. Currants, 7¼c.@7½c.; 20 cases Citron, 22c.@22½c.; 100 cases Layer Figs, 12c.@13c., and 200 frails Dates at 5¼c.

GRAIN—A fair business has been reported in Spring Wheat since our last, mainly on export account, at essentially unchanged prices, though closing somewhat stronger for prime. The dealings in Spring have been mostly in No. 1, afloat, No. 3 Milwaukee, in store and afloat, and Rejected. And in Winter Wheat more activity has been reported, chiefly for shipment, at full and buoyant prices for prime to very choice Amber and Red Western, which qualities were most sought after. White Wheat quiet; best samples held above the views of purchasers. Sales have been reported since our last of 178,000 bushels at $1 30 for No. 1 Minnesota Spring, afloat; $1 30 for prime No. 1 Milwaukee do., in store; $1 25 for strictly prime No. 2 Milwaukee do., (a small lot,) in store—quoted generally at $1 23@$1 25, in store and afloat; $1 05@$1 15 for ungraded Spring, car lots; $1@$1 03 for Rejected Spring; $1 10@$1 13 for No. 3 Milwaukee Spring, in store and afloat; $1 26@$1 30 for very good to strictly prime Red Western; $1 20@$1 23 for fair to about good do., in lots; $1 35@$1 40 for about prime to very choice Amber Western, in store and afloat, (for shipment;) $1 45 for good White Michigan, ₱ bushel....Corn has been depressed and quoted fully 1c.@1½c. a bushel lower, on a very limited movement. Sales have been reported since our last of 42,500 bushels at 75c.@75½c. for sailing vessel Mixed Western, closing at 75c. for prime, afloat; 75½c. for High Mixed and Yellow Western; 80c. for very choice old round Yellow; 77c. for new do., do., (one car load;) 61c.@69c. for damp to choice dry new Mixed Western, mostly at 66c.@68c. for ungraded, in lots; 68c.@69c. for new Yellow Western; 62½c.@63c. for "no grade" new Mixed Western, (New-York inspection;) 70c. for new White Southern, (1,500 bushels;) 67¾c.@70c. for good to choice new Yellow Southern, mainly at the former rate....Rye has been inactive, but quoted about steady; with prime State quoted at 94c.@95c.; prime Canada, in bond, at 90c.; and fair to prime Western at 86c.@90c. ₱ bushel....Barley has been held firmly, but has been in very moderate demand; 1,500 bushels prime two-rowed State sold at 95c., (with four-rowed State quoted at $1 12@$1 15;) 2,000 bushels Stained do., at 85c.; and 9,000 bushels, about fair ordinary, Canada, to arrive, at $1 12....Barley-malt has been in more request within the range of $1 25@$1 45 for fair to very choice Canada, cash and time; $1 15@$1 30 for four-rowed State, (cash and time,) and $1@$1 15 for two-rowed do., the latter for very choice. Sales have been reported of 19,000 bushels within the range of $1 25@$1 35 for Canada, $1 15@$1 30 for two to four-rowed State; $1 27 for No. 1 Western, (a few car lots.)....Canada Peas have been inactive, with prime in bond quoted at $1 04 ₱ bushel....Buckwheat in less request, with State quoted at 65c.@66c. ₱ bushel....Oats have been attracting more attention, with prime Mixed Western especially wanted at firmer prices. Sales have been 46,000 bushels at 50½c. for strictly prime Mixed Milwaukee; 50c. for strictly prime Mixed Chicago, afloat; 44c.@49c. for poor to about prime Mixed Western, car lots; 47c.@49c. for Mixed State, and 47c.@52c. for White Western and State, odd lots....Hay, Straw, and Feed essentially as last quoted....Cloverseed quiet at 13¼c. for State, and 12¾c. for Western, with sales rumored of 100 bags State and 150 bags Western at quoted figures.

HEMP—Dull at former rates. Of Jute Butts, 550 bales sold in Boston at 3 5-16c.@3⅜c., currency....We quote Manila Hemp at 7c.@7¾c.; Sisal at 4½c.@4¾c., gold, ₱ ℔.; clean Russian, $210@$215, gold, ₱ ton; Dressed American, $190@$245; Undressed do., $135@$140, currency; Italian, $250@$260, gold, ₱ ton; Jute, 3½c.@4½c., gold; Jute Butts, 3 5-16c.@3⅜c., currency; prime North River Flax, 15c.; fair to prime Canada do., 14c.@16c.; Western, 14½c.@15c. ₱ ℔.

MOLASSES—New-Orleans, new crop, has been more freely dealt in, within the range of 55c.@60 for good to choice, and 61c.@62c. for fancy; sales reported of 1,300 bbls., in lots....Other kinds selling slowly, mostly in a jobbing way, on the basis of late figures. ....Syrups continue in fair request, within the range of 40c.@62c. for Sugar, chiefly at 40c.@45c. for home use, 35c.@50c. for Molasses, and 55c.@62c. for Corn.

NAILS—Have been in generally limited request, on the basis of $3 for common Fence and Sheathing, in a jobbing way.

NAVAL STORES—Resin has been inactive, but steady, within the range of $1 70@$1 75 for Strained to good Strained; $1 85@$2 for No. 2; $2 25@$3 25 for No. 1; $3 75@$7 for Pale to Extra Pale and Window Glass, ₱ 280 ℔....Tar has been selling in small lots only at $2 12½@$2 25 ₱ bbl....City Pitch at $2@$2 12½....Spirits Turpentine has been in moderately active demand, with merchantable, for prompt delivery, quoted at 37c. ₱ gallon; sales, 150 bbls. at this price; also 140 bbls. New-York pks. at 38c. ₱ gallon.

OILS—Whale has been in light request at unchanged rates. A fair inquiry has been noted for Sperm, Linseed, and Olive Oils at firmer prices. Lard, Menhaden, Cotton-seed and Cocoa-nut Oils have been rather sparingly dealt in at about previous quotations. Most other kinds very quiet....We quote: Crude Whale, 65c.@70c., Unbleached Whale, 72c.@75c.; Bleached do., 75c.@80c.; Crude Sperm, $1 65; Unbleached Sperm, $1 85; Bleached Sperm, $1 90; Lard-oil, $1 02½@$1 10 for fair to strictly prime, and 82½c.@95c. for No. 1, and 70c.@80c. for No. 2; Red Oil, 65c.@67½c.; Saponified do., 65c.@67½c.; Linseed-oil, 62c.@63c., in cks. and bbls.; Olive-oil, $1 17½@$1 22½c., in cks. and bbls.; Menhaden, 42½c.@47½c.; Bleached do., 53c.@55c.; Crude Cotton-seed, 52½c.@55c.; Yellow do., 57½c.@59c.; Refined Yellow, 57½c.@60c., and White, 60c.@62½c.; Paraffine, 22c.@28c.; Palm-oil, 8⅛c.@8¾c.; Resin-oil, 15c.@21c.; Tallow-oil, 80c.@90c.; Cod, 60c.@70c.; Neatsfoot, 11c.@13c.; Rape-seed Oil, $1 10@$1 20; Cocoa-nut, 87½c.@$1 25....At New-Bedford sales were made of 900 bbls. new Crude Sperm, for manufacturing, on private terms, and 60 bbls. inferior Humpback Whale at 64c. ₱ gallon.

PETROLEUM—Has been in moderate demand and held quite firmly....Crude quoted 7⅛c.@7¼c., in bulk, and 10½c. in shipping order, for early delivery. Sales reported of 2,000 bbls., in bulk, at 7⅛c. ₱ gallon.... Refined has been in more demand, with early delivery quoted at 12⅞c.@13c. Sales, 5,800 bbls. at 12⅞c.@12 15-16c. ₱ gallon....Refined in cases, 16½c.@19c. ....Naphtha at 8¾c.@9½c. for City....Refined Petroleum at Philadelphia, early delivery, quoted at 12⅜c.@12½c....At Baltimore, Refined, for early delivery, at 12¼c. ₱ gallon.

PROVISIONS—Pork has been in light request generally, and without change of moment as to values.... Sales for early delivery have been reported of 200 bbls. new Western Mess, in bbls. at $21 25, quoted at $21@$21 25....Western Prime Mess quoted at $19 50; City do., $21 75; Extra Prime, $15 50@$16 ₱ bbl.... And for forward delivery, Western Mess ruled quite dull with December options quoted nominal at $21 25; February option at $20 65@20 70; March, $20 75. No dealings reported in any option, offerings comparatively limited....Dressed Hogs have been in moderate demand at easier prices, with City quoted at 9c.@9½c. for heavy to light, and Western 9⅛c., (at which 1 car-load, of 150 ℔. averages, sold.)....Cut-meats have been generally in quite moderate request in the local market at about former prices....Sales, 27,000 ℔ Rib Bellies, in bulk, at 10½c.@11c.; 10,000 ℔. Clear Bellies, in bulk, at 12c., and sundry small lots of City bulk stock within our range....We quote Pickled Shoulders at 8¼c.@8½c.; Smoked Shoulders at 9¾c.@10c.; Pickled Hams at 12½c.@13¼c. Smoked Hams at 13½c.@15c.; Pickled Bellies, in bulk, 10½c.@12½c.; Western Dry-salted Shoulders, in bxs., at 8½c. for prompt and 8¼c. for December and January deliveries, without transactions. ....Western Pickled Hams, in tcs., 13 ℔. average, quoted at 12½c.@12⅝c....Dry-salted Short-cut Hams, in bxs., nominal at 11c.@12¼c. for heavy to light.... Dry-salted Shoulders, in bxs., at 7⅛c....Bacon has been more active and held more firmly; inquiry mainly for export; City Long Clear quoted at 10¾c.; Western Long Clear at 10⅝c.; sales, 500 bxs City at 10⅝c., and 300 bxs. Western Cuts, including Long and Short Clear, at 11c., and Short Clear at 11¼c. ₱ ℔....Western Long and Short Clear, next week's delivery, quoted at 11c., and for January and February delivery, quoted at 10¾c.; and for Western delivery, Long Clear quoted at 9¾c.; Short Clear at 10¼c.@10⅜c., and Short Rib and Cumberlands at 10c.@10¼c....Western Steam Lard has been in moderately active demand, opening a shade lower, but rallying toward the close, and leaving off steadily. Refiners have been the principal buyers for early delivery, exporters operating less freely....Of Western Steam, for early delivery here, sales have been reported of 500 tcs. at 12 15-16c.@13c....And for forward delivery, of Western Steam, sales have been made of 250 tcs., seller December, at 13c., closing with this price asked; 2,750 tcs., seller January, at 13c.@13 1-16c., closing at 13c.@13 1-32c.; 1,500 tcs., seller February, at 13⅛c.@13 3-16c., closing at 13 3-16c.@13 7-32c.; 750 tcs., March, 13 5-16c., closing at 13 5-16c.@13⅜c.... City Lard in moderate request, with sales reported of 95 tcs, City, Steam, and Kettle, at 12⅞c.@13c., and small lots of No. 1 do. at 12⅝c. ₱ ℔....Refined Lard has been less active, with sales reported of 400 tcs. for the Continent at 13¼c., and small lots for the West Indies at 12⅝c. ₱ ℔....Beef has been very sparingly dealt in, with new quoted about steady at $12@$12 50 for Extra and $11@$11 50 for Plain Mess; $15 50@$16 50 for Packet ₱ bbl....And Tierce Beef thus: Prime Mess, $23; India Mess, $25; City Extra India Mess, $31 50@$32 50....Beef Hams have been inactive, at $21 50@$22 50 for Western.... A generally slow movement has been reported in Butter, prices of which have favored buyers, in most instances. The finest makes have been in most request and held with some show of confidence. We quote from 23c.@32c. for ordinary to prime State, (with choice to fancy quoted at 33c.@35c.;) 14c.@34c. for very poor to fancy Western, and 20c.@27c. for fair to very choice Rolls....There has been a very moderate inquiry reported for Cheese, which has been without important change as to values. We quote on the basis of from 10c.@13¼c. for good to fancy State Factory, (the latter offered with reserve,) and 8½c.@12c. for good to fancy Ohio do....Eggs have been in somewhat better demand at 28c.@32c. for fair to fancy fresh stock, and 24c.@25c. for limed....Tallow has been fairly active, with sales of 115,000 ℔. very good to strictly prime at 10c.@10¼c., with choice City held higher; also, 150 bbls. at 10c. ₱ ℔....Stearine has been in some demand with prime Western, in tcs., quoted at 13¼c.; choice City, in hhds., 13¼c.@13⅜c. Sales reported of 30,000 ℔. City, in hhds., at 13¼c. ₱ ℔.

SUGARS—Raw dull and heavy to-day, with fair to good refining quoted nominal at 8c.@8¼c. as the asking rates, but with bids generally ⅛c. ₱ ℔. lower. Sales to-day reported of only 40 bxs. Mexican at 8c.; with a cargo of refining Cuba rumored, but without confirmation. And last evening 5,100 bags Pernambuco at 8¼c. ₱ ℔. Refined Sugars quoted as before, on a tamer movement.

TEAS—Dull but steady; 1,500 half chests Japan sold on private terms.

TOBACCO—A moderate trade has been reported in this line on a steady basis as to values. Sales have been reported since our last of 300 hhds. Kentucky Leaf at 7c.@17c.; 140 cases 1874 Connecticut and Massachusetts Seed Leaf at 7¾c.@8c.; 266 cases 1874 Pennsylvania on private terms; 350 cases 1873 Ohio at 8c.; 100 cases sundry growths at 7c.@12½c., and 200 bales Havana at 85c.@$1 15 ₱ ℔....Havana Tobacco quoted thus: Common, 80c.@85c.; fair to good, 87½c.@90c.; fine, 95c.@$1 05, and Yara, assorted lots, at 85c.@90c. ₱ ℔. Manufactured Tobacco has been in fair request, with Black, common to fine, at 17c.@26c., and Bright, common to fine, at 23c.@50c. ₱ ℔....The week's exports of Tobacco hence have been 1,079 hhds.

WHISKY—Has been in pretty fair request, opening weaker but closing more steadily. Sales, 50 bbls. at $1 15½, and 150 bbls. at $1 16 ₱ gallon, closing at the latter rate. And of Alcohol, 50 bbls. sold at $1 14 ₱ proof gallon.

WOOL—The main business reported thus far this week has been in Texas and California Wool, and in scoured stock. The inquiry for manufacturing purposes has been fair, but not urgent. California Spring and Eastern Texas quoted rather weaker; most other kinds, without important alteration as to values. Domestic Fleece and Pulled, of desirable quality, offered reservedly and quoted firm. Foreign product quiet. Sales have been reported, since our last, of equal to 13,000 ℔. Domestic Fleece, in lots, part at 45c.@48c.; 19,000 ℔. Scoured Wool, part at 57½c.; 25 bags Domestic Pulled at 45c.; 168,000 ℔. Texas, part at 23c., but mainly on private terms; 40 bales California Fall at 18c.; 24,000 ℔. California Spring at 23c.@25c., chiefly at 23c.@33½c.; 100 bales East India at 34c.; 1,000 ℔. Donskoi on private terms; and 16 bales Mexican No's at 45c. ₱ ℔.

FREIGHT—The business in berth freights has been comparatively moderate since our last, with rates quoted essentially unchanged. Steam room for early use offered sparingly. The chartering movement has been fair, with the main call for tonnage for Petroleum, Grain, and Cotton at steady figures. Lumber, Deal, and Coal trades quiet....For Liverpool, the reported engagements, since our last, have been, by steam, 600 bales Cotton, 7-16d. ₱ ℔.; 4,700 pks. Provisions, mainly Bacon, reported at 50s., and 100 tons Leather, in lots, at 80s. ₱ ton. Also a British bark, 472 tons, hence, with about 3,100 bbls. Refined Petroleum at 5s. 3d. ₱ bbl. And a German ship, 1,191 tons, an American ship, 1,623 tons, and an American bark, 1,095 tons, with Cotton, from Savannah, at 15-32d. ₱ ℔. And a ship, 1,624 tons, with Wheat, reported from San Francisco, (as chartered there,) on private terms....For London, by steam, 300 bales Hops, on private terms; quoted nominally at ¾d. ₱ ℔.; 175 pks. Provisions at 8s. 9d. for tcs. and 6s. 6d. for bbls....For Glasgow, by steam, 8,000 bushels Grain at 10d.@10½d. ₱ bushel. 700 bxs. Bacon at 50s. ₱ ton, and 200 bbls. Apples on private terms....For the United Kingdom, direct, a British bark, 732 tons, (to arrive from an Irish port,) with about 5,000 quarters Grain from Baltimore, at 7s. 3d. ₱ quarter, (with options excluding East coast of Great Britain and West coast of Ireland)....For Cork and orders, an Austrian bark, 643 tons, hence, with about 4,000 quarters Grain at 7s. 4½d. ₱ quarter; a British ship, 1,078 tons, with Cotton, from New-Orleans, and an American ship, 1,490 tons, with do., from Mobile, on private terms, and a ship, 986 tons, with Wheat, from San Francisco, on private terms....For Limerick, a British bark, 403 tons, with about 2,300 bbls. Refined Petroleum, from Philadelphia, at 5s. 10½d. ₱ bbl....For Havre, a British brig, 247 tons, hence, with about 1,700 bbls. Crude Petroleum, reported at 5s. 9d. ₱ bbl....For Bremen, a German bark, 562 tons, hence, with about 3,750 bbls. Refined Petroleum, at 4s 7½d. ₱ bbl.... For Hamburg, by steam, 450 pks. Lard, reported at 2.75 reichmarks....For Rotterdam, by steam, 900 pks. Provisions, mainly Lard, reported on private terms....For Smyrna, an Italian bark, 417 tons, hence, with about 12,500 cases Petroleum, at 31c. ₱ case, free of consignment commission....For Java, an American bark, 853 tons, hence, with about 27,500 cases Petroleum, on private terms, quoted nominally at 35c. ₱ case, as the asking rate....For Melbourne, a British ship, 1,639 tons, hence, with general cargo, on private terms.... For New-York, two schooners, with Lumber, from Georgia, reported at $6 25@$6 50.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

BUFFALO, Dec. 21.—Cattle—Receipts to-day 697 head, making the total supply for the week thus far 5,729 head, or 339 cars; of which 198 cars were through consignments, the balance on sale here; against 375 cars for the same time last week a—difference in the run for the week thus far of 36 cars less, and 240 cars for the same week last year. The market was very dull, only 1,600 head being disposed of, hardly one-third of the transactions being shipping cattle; quality was comparatively poor; but few lots of good shipping grades and no prime lots offering; the prices for common stock Cows, Heifers, and thin Steers full ¼c. off, while some rate them at ⅜c.@½c. off; shipping grades full ⅛c. off, some rating full ¼c. off; the attendance of purchasers was only fair, the weather being warm and rainy: sales of Indiana Steers, ranging from 1,130 to 1,185 ℔., at $4 35@$4 75; Ohio Steers, ranging from 1,014 to 1,215 to 1,350 ℔., at $4 10@$5@$6; Missouri Steers, ranging from 1,167 to 1,208 to 1,330 to 1,432 ℔., at $4 87½@$5@$5 25@$6; Illinois Steers, ranging from 1,171 to 1,280 to 1,350 ℔., at $4 75@$5 12½@$5 37½; Cherokees, averaging 820 ℔., at $3@$3 40; Cows and Heifers at $3 15@$4 60. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts to-day 800 head, making the total supply for the week thus far 12,000 head, against 10,600 head for the same time last week, and 8,000 head for the same week last year; the market opened dull and slow, but was more active late in the day; the attendance of buyers was slim; the quality of Western Sheep was only fair; there were some fine lots on sale, but the majority of the offerings were of medium quality; the prices range at ⅛c.@⅜c. off on the best to poorest; some of the best lots close to last week's rates; there was only a light run of Canada stock, and only of medium quality; there were no transactions in this class made; 4,200 head were disposed of—a fair proportion for Eastern trade; sales of Ohio Sheep, averaging 80 ℔., at $4 90; 87 ℔. at $5; 82 ℔. at $4 75; 118 ℔. at $6; Michigan Sheep, averaging 86 ℔., at $4 90; 87 to 91 ℔. at $5; 82 ℔. at $5 25; 92 ℔. at $5 50; 101 ℔. at $5 56¼; feeders, averaging 85 ℔., at $5; Indiana Sheep, averaging 71 ℔., at $4 87½; 84 ℔., at $4 25; 92 ℔., at $4 75; 77 ℔., at $4 70; Illinois Sheep, averaging 89 ℔., at $4 75. Hogs—Receipts to-day, 1,700 head, making the total supply for the week thus far 14,300 head, against 9,800 head for the same time last week, and 11,600 head for the same week last year; the market was only moderately active; the transactions to-day were 33 cars of Yorkers at $7@$7 05; 12 cars heavy Hogs at $7@$7 10 for selected from lots; light Hogs at $7 20; about 10 cars of all kinds remain unsold.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—Cattle dull and lifeless; hardly enough doing to make quotations; sales of fair to good native shipping Steers at $4@$4 62½; common to medium, $3 25@3 75; Cows range $2@$3 50; fair to good native stockers, $3 50@$4; common to medium do., $2 50@$3; native feeding Steers, $4@$4 37½; good to choice through Texans, $3 25@$3 50; common to fair do., $2@$3; wintered Texans have about the same range. Hogs, owing to the very warm weather, opened dull and drooping and closed at 15c.@40c. lower; sales of shipping grades at $6 25@$6 50; packing at $6 60@$6 75, and extra at $6 80.

WATERTOWN, Mass., Dec. 21.—Beef Cattle—Receipts, 1,200 head; market very quiet; being Christmas week, when Poultry is in great demand, butchers only wanted a few head with which to make up assortments; sales of choice at $9 75; extra, $8 50@$9 50; first quality, $7@$8 25; second quality, $6@$6 75; third quality, $5@$5 75. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 2,878 head. Notwithstanding the small supply trade was dull, and last week's prices were not sustained, the decline being from ¼c. to ½c. ₱ ℔. Sales in lots at $2@$3 25 each; extra, $3 50@$6 50.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,000 head; opened dull, but closed firmer; choice Shipping sold at $6@$6 50; half fattened and smooth Steers, in good flesh, $4 50@$5 25; shipments, 513 head. Hogs—Receipts, 30,000 head; market dull and 5c.@15c. lower, chiefly on the lower grades; sales, Strippers, $5 75@$6 25; Bacon grades, $6 75; Packers, $6 50@$6 80; New-England grades, $6 85@$7; shipments, 2,100 head. Sheep—Receipts, 2,200 head; market weak and dull; demand only moderate; sales, common, $4 25@$4 75; fair to good, $5@$5 75; extra, $6@$7.

THE STATE OF TRADE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Flour nominally unchanged. Wheat strong and higher; No. 1 Spring, $1 02; No. 2 do., 98c., spot; 98⅛c., January; 99⅝c., February; $1 07½, May; No. 3 do., 79¼c.; Rejected, 65½c.@67c. Corn irregular; cash steady and options higher; No. 2, 47¼c., spot; 47¼c. bid, December; 43⅞c., January; 43c.@43¼c., February; Rejected, 35c.@40½c. Oats steady and unchanged. Rye dull; buyers offering lower prices. Barley dull and a shade lower at 86c., spot. Dressed Hogs inactive, lower; at $7 75@$8. Pork in good demand and a shade higher at $19 10, spot; $19 35@$19 37½, February. Lard in good demand at full prices; sales at $12 20, spot; $12 40@$12 42½, February. Bulk-meats firm, unchanged. Whisky steady, unchanged. Receipts—13,000 bbls. Flour, 71,000 bushels Wheat, 85,000 bushels Corn, 38,000 bushels Oats, 3,000 bushels Rye, 35,000 bushels Barley. Shipments—12,000 bbls. Flour, 13,000 bushels Wheat, 20,000 bushels Corn, 16,000 bushels Oats, 390 bushels Rye, 4,000 bushels Barley. At the afternoon call of the board, Wheat steady at 98c.@98⅛c., January; 99⅛c., February. Corn a shade lower, at 47c., December; 43½c., January. Oats unchanged. Pork firmer, at $19 15, cash; $19 40@$19 45, February. Lard firmer, at $12 20@$12 25, cash; $12 60, March.

CINCINNATI, Dec 21.—Flour easier: family, $5@$6. Wheat nominally unchanged. Corn steady, with a fair demand at 48c., cash, December and January. Oats quiet but steady at 35c.@45c. Rye quiet but steady at 78c.@80c. Barley dull and nominal. Pork dull and lower, nominally $19 75@$20. Lard easier, but in good demand; Steam, 12¼c.; Kettle, 13c.@13¼c. Bulk Meats inactive and lower; Shoulders, 7c.@7⅛c.; Clear Rib and Clear Sides, 10c.@10⅛c., and 10⅜c.@10½c. Bacon—A fair jobbing demand; Shoulders, 9½c.@10c.; Clear Rib and Clear Sides, 12¼c.@12⅜c., and 12½c.@12⅝c. Green Meats in fair demand, but at lower rates; Shoulders, 6¾c.@7c.; Sides, 9¾c.; Hams, 10½c.@10¾c. Live Hogs dull and a shade lower; common light, $6 40@$6 75; fair to good packing, $6 85@$7; choice heavy, $7 05@$7 15. Receipts—11,000 head. Shipments—810 head. Whisky firm; in fair demand at $1 11. Butter steady; unchanged.

BUFFALO, Dec. 21.—Receipts—5,800 bbls. Flour, 18,000 bushels Wheat, 22,000 bushels Corn, 19,000 bushels Oats, 30,000 bushels Barley. Shipments—5,800 bbls. Flour, 17,000 bushels Wheat, 45,000 bushels Corn, 19,000 bushels Oats, 30,000 bushels Barley. Flour quiet; sales, 650 bbls. at unchanged prices. Wheat very dull; sales, 700 bushels No. 1 Minnesota at $1 30. Corn inactive; No. 2 Chicago offered at 66c., in railroad elevator. Oats without vitality, nominal. Rye inactive and nominal. Barley in good demand; sales, 12,500 bushels Canadian at 95c.@$1 05; 2,500 bushels two-rowed State at 80c., and on private terms. Pork dull at $21. Lard dull at 13c. Highwines nominal.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—Wool quiet but firm; supply light for the season; tone of the market strong with an upward tendency; sales of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia XX and above at 46c.@50c.; X, 47c.@48c.; Medium, 50c.@54c.; Coarse, 46c.@49c.; New-York, Michigan, Indiana, and Western Fine, 42c.@43c.; Medium, 49c.@54c.; Coarse, 46c.@49c.; Combing, washed, 58c.@62c.; do., unwashed, 42½c.; Canada Combing, 63c.; Fine, unwashed, 30c.@32c.; Coarse and Medium do., 35c.@38c.; Tub-washed, 49c.@56c.; Colorado washed, 25c.@30c.; do. unwashed, 22c.@24c.; Extra and Merino Pulled, 38c.@42c.; No. 1 and Super Pulled, 38c.@42c.; Texas Fine and Medium, 25c.@28c.; do. Coarse, 21c.@23c.

TOLEDO, Dec. 21.—Flour steady, with a moderate demand. Wheat lower; held higher; No. 1 White Michigan, $1 28¼; Amber Michigan, $1 19½; January, $1 20; No. 2 Amber Michigan, $1 01; No. 2 Red Winter, $1 21½@$1 22; No. 3 Red, $1 04¼. Corn dull; High Mixed, new, 47c.; seller January, 47½c.; Low Mixed, new, 47½c.; No. 2 White, new, 48c.; no grade, new, 45c.; damaged, new, 43c. Oats dull, but unchanged. Dressed Hogs, $8 12½@$8 20. Receipts—Wheat, 7,000 bushels; Corn, 45,000 bushels; Oats, 1,000 bushels. Shipments—Wheat, 5,000 bushels; Corn, 35,000 bushels; Oats, 3,000 bushels.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 21.—Flour dull at $4 50@$5; Fancy, $6 75@$7 50. Wheat—Demand light, but holders firm at $1 05@$1 11. Corn active and firm at 45c.@56c. Oats dull at 38c.@42c. Rye quiet but steady at 78c.@80c. Provisions dull and prices have declined. Pork, $21 50. Bulk Meats, ten to fifteen days in salt—Shoulders, 7½c.; Clear Rib Sides, 10½c.; Clear Sides, 10⅞c.; fully cured, ¼c. higher, all loose. Bacon—Clear Rib Sides, packed, 13c. Lard—Tierce, 14¼c.; Keg, 14¾c.@15c. Whisky quiet and unchanged at $1 11. Bagging steady, with a moderate demand at unchanged prices.

OSWEGO, Dec. 21.—Flour steady; sales, 1,200 bbls. at $7 50 for No. 1 Spring; $7 75 for Amber Winter; $8 for White Winter, and $8 25 for Double Extra. Wheat lower; sales No. 1 Milwaukee Club at $1 38; Extra White Michigan held at $1 55. Corn steady at 70c. Barley quiet and unchanged; No. 2 Canada held at $1 10; No. 2 Bay at $1 16, and No. 1 Canada at $1 23@$1 25. Corn-meal, $30 for bolted, and $29 for unbolted. Mill-feed—Shorts, $17@$18 50; Shipstuffs, $20@$21; Middlings, $25@$27.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 21.—Spirits of Turpentine dull at 33¾c. Resin steady at $1 40 for Strained. Tar steady at $1 60.

THE COTTON MARKETS.

NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 21.—Cotton irregular, easy; Middling, 12⅝c.; Low Middling, 11⅞c.; Good Ordinary, 10⅞c.; net receipts, 8,927 bales; gross, 10,160 bales; exports to Great Britain, 4,596 bales; to France, 2,392 bales; to the Continent, 1,411 bales; sales, 5,000 bales; stock, 239,757 bales.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 21.—Cotton easier; Middling, 12 15-16c.@13c.; Low Middling, 12½c.@12⅝c.; Good Ordinary, 11⅛c.; net receipts, 2,824 bales; exports to the Continent, 1,525 bales, coastwise, 387 bales; sales, 1,000 bales; stock, 52,923 bales.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 21.—Cotton quiet; Middling, 12¾c.; Low Middling, 12¼c.; Good Ordinary, 11⅝c.; net receipts, 4,435 bales; exports to Great Britain, 4,076 bales; to the Continent, 4,600 bales; sales, 1,841 bales; stock, 91,254 bales.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Dec. 21—12:30 P. M.—The rate for money at the Stock Exchange on Government securities is 1½ ₱ cent. Erie Railway shares, 13⅞.

2:30 P. M.—Consols, 93 11-16 for money, and 93 13-16 for the account. Erie Railway shares, 14.

3 P. M.—The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day is £15,000. Consols, 93 13-16 for both money and the account.

4 P. M.—Consols, 93 11-16 for money, and 93 13-16 for the account.

FRANKFORT, Dec. 21.—United States Bonds, new 5s, 99½.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Exchange on London, 25f. 12½c. for Short sight. Rentes, 65f.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 21—12:30 P. M.—Cotton—The market is easier but not quotably lower; Middling Uplands, 7d.; Middling Orleans, 7¼d.; sales, 10,000 bales, including 2,000 bales for speculation and export; receipts, 29,500 bales, of which 27,000 bales were American. Cotton to arrive steady. There have been no transactions. Breadstuffs—The receipts of Wheat for the past three days have been 47,000 quarters, of which 36,000 quarters were American.

1:30 P. M.—Cotton—Cotton to arrive, offerings free; sales of Middling Uplands, Low Middling clause, shipped January and February, (per sail,) at 6⅞d.; do. do., January and February delivery at 6 13-16d; sales of Middling Orleans, Low Middling clause, shipped January and February, (per sail,) at 7d.

2 P. M.—Breadstuffs—The market is quiet and generally unchanged. Corn, 22s. 9d.@32s. ₱ quarter for old Mixed Western, and 32s. ₱ quarter for new.

2:30 P. M.—Cotton—Sales of Middling Uplands, Low Middling clause, shipped November, (per sail,) at 6 13-16d.

3 P. M.—Cotton—Of the sales to-day 5,300 bales were American.

5 P. M.—Trade report—The market for Yarns and Fabrics at Manchester is steady. Cotton—Sales of Middling Uplands, Low Middling clause, shipped December and January, (per sail,) at 6 13-16d.; do., do., February and March delivery, at 6 13-16d.

LONDON, Dec. 21—3 P. M.—Refined Petroleum, 12¾d.@13d. ₱ gallon.

5 P. M.—Tallow, 53s. ₱ cwt.

Evening.—Linseed Oil, 24s. 9d.@25s. ₱ cwt. Spirits Turpentine, 25s. 9d.@26s. ₱ cwt.

ANTWERP, Dec. 21.—Petroleum, 28¾f. for fine Pale American.

HAVANA, Dec. 21.—Spanish Gold, 211@211½. Exchange quiet; on the United States, 60 days, currency, 90@91 premium; short sight, 93@94 premium; 60 days, gold, 118@119 premium; short sight, 120@121 premium; on London, 144@146 premium; on Paris, 117@118 premium. Sugar nominal.

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J. H. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

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Committee of First Mortgage Bondholders.

The New York Times.

NEW-YORK, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22, 1875.

AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—LOHENGRIN, (German Opera.)—Mr. Theodore Wachtel, Miss Pappenheim

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—BOSOM FRIENDS—Mr. H. J. Montague, Mr. John Gilbert, Miss Ada Dyas.

FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE.—PIQUE—Mr. Charles Fisher, Mr. D. H. Harkins, Miss Fanny Davenport.

UNION SQUARE THEATRE.—ROSE MICHEL—Mr. C. R. Thorne, Jr., John Parselle, Miss Rose Eytinge.

COLOSSEUM.—GRAND SPECTACLE DIORAMA of the Prussian Siege of Paris. Afternoon and evening.

PARK THEATRE.—CRUCIBLE—Mr. A. O. Hall, Mr. C. T. Parsloe, Mr. J. W. Brutone, Miss Constance Leigh.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—THE CONNIE SOOGAH—Mr. and Mrs. Barney Williams.

EAGLE THEATRE.—SONGS, DANCES, DRAMA, FARCE—Mr. Josh Hart.

LYCEUM THEATRE.—LES BREBIS DE PANURGE—ON DEMANDE UN GOUVERNEUR.

BROOKLYN THEATRE.—HENRY V.—Mr. George Rignold, Mr. C. B. Bishop, Miss Marie Brabrook.

SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS.—BURLESQUE, SONGS, and NEGRO COMICALITIES—Birch Wambold, Backus.

TONY PASTOR'S NEW THEATRE.—NOVELTY AND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT—Tony Pastor.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—NIMBLE NIP—(Christmas Pantomime.)

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF DESIGN.—EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS AND STATUARY.

PARISIAN VARIETIES.—VAUDEVILLE AND NOVELTY ENTERTAINMENT.

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Our Washington correspondent tells us this morning that the Democrats are still much exercised in their minds over the selections made by Mr. KERR for the House committees. Mr. COX rather keenly says that they are "the work of an invalid." Mr. COX will get himself into trouble if he goes on saying these good things. The choice of Mr. MORRISON still fills the brethren with amazement, but the *World* says that he has "fought in two wars," and if he was on the side of the Union in either, he occupies a unique position among the other Democratic soldiers in the House. The choice of Mr. WHITEHOUSE for the chairmanship of the Committee on Civil Service Reform is doubtless intended as a stroke of sarcasm. The *Commercial Advertiser* called attention last night to the one event in the life of WHITEHOUSE which Mr. KERR probably deemed sufficient to qualify him for his new post. Perhaps Mr. KERR has done the best he could with the material at his command—but, then, what are we to think of the material?

The Texas Pacific Committee seems to have been arranged to the entire satisfaction of Mr. THOMAS SCOTT. We are glad to find that somebody is pleased with one of the committees. We do not believe, however, that the House will vote any new subsidies this session; or, that if it does the President will sign the bill. "The South wants it," says our correspondent, "and the South rules the party." Perhaps so, but the South does not yet rule the nation.

There is a great deal of talk going on about a new secret society, which is designed, among other things, to abolish Popery and elect Gen. GRANT for a third time. The *Herald* publishes what it calls the constitution of this society, but Mr. COWLES, a member of it, says that this document is no more like the genuine article than a page out of an old almanac. It has also been said that the President is enrolled as a member, and Mr. COWLES denies this likewise. What the society really is, what are its aims, and who are the members of it, seem at present to be secrets. They are secrets concerning which it does not appear to be worth while for the general public to concern itself very deeply. The day has gone by when organizations of this kind could have much weight. The newspapers are too powerful for them. The invention of a "grip" and a "password" and "rites of initiation," and all the rest of the mummery, may afford a little harmless amusement to a few men here and there; but we shall not believe that this machinery can turn the tide of a Presidential election until we see it done. Then, of course, we shall be willing to acknowledge that the "march of intellect" had not marched quite so far as we supposed.

The Roman Catholic Church sometimes makes its authority felt even at the expense of its own followers. It must have been sorely tempted in Ireland to give its support to the Fenian Brotherhood, but it always did its utmost to discourage the conspirators. This morning a news dispatch informs us that the "Ancient Order of Hibernians" in Pennsylvania, otherwise known as the "Molly Maguires," and famous for its many murders and outrages in the mining districts, has been formally excommunicated by the Archbishop and priests. In taking this course, the Catholic prelate has simply placed his Church on the side of law and order. We have not always been accustomed to see that Church take the same stand in our own City.

Gen. JOVELLAR returns to Cuba as Captain General. He relinquished that position early in 1874. Neither he, nor CONCHA, who succeeded him, nor VALMASEDA, who has once more thrown up his commission, could restore peace to Cuba, or bring order out of the political chaos which reigns in the island. JOVELLAR has been in command of the armies operating against the Carlists, and has lately been Minister of War in the Cabinet of ALFONSO. The fact that he is now sent out to experiment on Cuba has no special interest, but the announcement that Gen. CEBALLOS, lately at the head of the Spanish Armies of the North, accompanies him may mean that the Cuban insurgents are once more threatened with that short and sharp campaign which CONCHA promised and VALMASEDA attempted. Since the Carlist insurrection is, or ought to be, practically quelled, there is no longer any reason why Spain should scandalize the world with such an exhibition of weakness and misgovernment as that which its administration of Cuban affairs has furnished. The telegraph this morning informs us that the withdrawal of VALMASEDA is regarded by many as a great blow to the Spanish cause.

IMAGINATIVE POLITICS.

Any one may appreciate the difficulties of writing history by paying a little attention to the impossibility of guarding against the grossest misrepresentation in events which are taking place under our very eyes. Two striking illustrations of this are before us. One is the comments made by the London *Daily News* on the escape of TWEED, and the other the "valedictory" of the Tammany Hall General Committee of 1875. The misrepresentation in the one case is unintentional; in the other, it is deliberate. With that qualification, the blunders of the London newspaper are quite as mischievous as the falsehoods of the local political schemers. In fact, they are, in one sense, more mischievous, since they are calculated to disseminate false and unjust views of our affairs among a community whose information about them is very imperfect. The reckless misstatements of the Tammany Committee are addressed to people who are more likely to be amused than deceived by their impudent distortion of facts. The *Daily News* may plead that it took its information from a New-York paper. Here is the kind of stuff published by a paper as honestly desirous of understanding our affairs as the *Daily News*, but which rashly relies upon the accuracy of the *doctrinaire* apologists of Tammany Hall:

> "The leader in possession [of Tammany] had, in a moment of ill-timed economy, endeavored to reconcile himself with the respectable traders and shopkeepers of the City, by reducing the wages of the countless gangs of superfluous workers in the pay of the Municipality."

On the contrary, "the leader in possession" publicly protested against the reduction of the laborers' wages, and denied that he had either the slightest sympathy with the act, or any knowledge of the reasons which induced the Mayor and certain heads of departments to sanction it. As to the "superfluous workers," their numbers, though not exactly "countless," were far greater than they ought to have been, simply because Tammany Hall insisted on packing the Department of Public Works with gangs of its political supporters. These would have been almost literally "countless" had the Republicans in the Legislature and the Board of Aldermen not stood between the tax-payers and wholesale plunder. The *Daily News* goes on to say:

> "He [Mr. MORRISSEY] set himself up as the popular leader of Tammany, and at the late elections he found that he and his section were placed in power."

Mr. MORRISSEY was expelled from Tammany Hall, and all his efforts, before the election and after it, have been directed toward the breaking up of that organization. So far from MORRISSEY and his section being placed in power in Tammany, their share in bringing about its defeat in November makes the prospect of their return to the fold more distant than ever.

> "Now, it would be impossible that public opinion or public suspicion should not in some way connect the escape of Mr. TWEED with the accession to power of Mr. MORRISSEY. It is not necessary to assume that the new chief has actually held out the hand of unlawful aid to his fallen predecessor. But the fact that Mr. MORRISSEY is at the head of the Tammany Ring would perhaps be taken by many persons as an omen that the good old times were coming back again," &c.

This is the very perfection of blundering. Mr. MORRISSEY is just as likely to be suspected of having had a hand in the escape of TWEED as the guileless editor of the *Daily News*. The Sheriff, who is legally responsible for that escape, was the nominee, and is one of the managers, of Tammany Hall. His deputy, who is personally responsible for it, is the creature of JOHN KELLY, the "leader in possession," of whom the *News* has so extremely vague ideas. From Warden DUNHAM to "TIM" CAMPBELL, there is no one whom suspicion has connected with the escape of TWEED who is not high in favor with Tammany Hall to-day. When the *News* next allows its columns to be used for the discussion of the politics of this City, it would do well to get hold of at least a few elementary facts in regard to them.

Let it studiously avoid, however, the manifestoes of Tammany Hall, whether touched up by the "superfine" treatment of the *Nation*, or clothed in the blatant eloquence of the General Committee's "Address to the Electors." These patriots, most of whom were identified in one way or other with the Tammany Hall of TWEED and SWEENY, now talk about "the righteous overthrow of the Ring robbers," and about restoring "to the people of this Metropolis the right to govern themselves, which that Ring had robbed them of in the day of its power." "Reorganized Tammany led the column of reform; * * * defeated the alliance between TWEED and the Custom-house," &c. It is possible that by repeating this sort of thing year after year, the men who make these preposterous pretensions may begin to believe them themselves, and may ultimately succeed in inducing others to believe them too. Gov. TILDEN has made a good deal of political capital by similar methods, and why not JOHN KELLY? About the year of grace 1880, we shall probably be told that the Tammany frauds were brought to light during the administration of Sheriff KELLY, that it was due to the Herculean exertions of this unsullied patriot that positive proofs were obtained of the guilt of the Ring, but that Mr. KELLY was long denied his share of the credit for this achievement, because an unprincipled emissary of THE NEW-YORK TIMES succeeded in stealing from under his pillow the facts and figures on which he was about to secure from Judge BARNARD orders for the arrest of the entire gang of Tammany conspirators.

Misrepresentation like this would be no more impudent and absurd than that which the Tammany General Committee attempt in regard to the influence of their party on local affairs during the past year.

> "We have cut down expenses, pruned out Ring excrescences wherever we could reach them, made no terms with corrupt politicians, and given New-York the best local Government it has had for twenty-five years."

Each and all of which assertions are simply untrue. All the efforts of Tammany Hall in the Legislature and in the Board of Aldermen have been devoted to the increase of expenditures and the defeat of all measures of retrenchment. "Ring excrescences" have been cultivated, not "pruned," whether the phrase is meant to refer to the methods or the men of the Tweed administration. More "corrupt politicians" have been placed in offices of trust in the Department of Public Works and elsewhere during last year than at any previous time since 1871, and as for the quality of our local Government, pretty nearly all that is good in it exists in despite of, not because of, the influence of Tammany Hall.

ALASKA TO LET.

After all the efforts of local societies for the encouragement of immigration, it must be admitted that at least one portion of our Republic has more population than is necessary. Alaska, the newest of our territorial acquisitions, has too many people. It might be said that Alaska ought to have more—or less. But there is no human probability that it ever will have a larger number of white inhabitants than it now has. Therefore, it should have less. In fact, it should have none. When Russia sold Alaska to the United States, the people then living in the region were offered their choice between the protection of the American Bird of Freedom and that of the Russian Bear. The Muscovites, with one accord, went back to Russia, evacuating the premises as completely as their Government did. The natives, who, for the most part, are a whisky-drinking, candle-eating, and stolid race, could not make up their minds whether to go or stay. They were not sure whether they would like the right of suffrage, a republican form of government, a contingent interest in the public documents, and the seeds of the Agricultural Department. So they staid. While they were considering the matter, they were bodily annexed to the United States.

There are between twenty-five thousand and thirty thousand of these interesting fellow-citizens of ours. At one time there was danger that there would be a retreat of the twenty-five thousand across Behring's Straits. It was feared that an invasion of newspaper correspondents, which preceded the formal annexation of the Territory, would alarm the timorous Aleuts, who might fancy that American citizenship meant a transformation of themselves into such beings as those who raced about the land without cause or provocation, continually asked questions, were devoured with insatiate curiosity, and generally behaved like lunatics. But the guileless and simple-hearted natives, who regard fast walking as a foe to longevity, and who never change their clothes until they are worn out, were eventually reassured. A schooner-load of *Diplomatic Correspondence*, judiciously distributed, had a soothing effect. The newspaper correspondents went away, and the land relapsed into its ancient silence. The Aleuts staid. So we have now a population in that region which numbers about thirty thousand. At Fort Wrangell, a sort of half-way station, where supplies are furnished to miners bound to the diggings in British Columbia, there is a small settlement. At Sitka there is a garrison of about two hundred men. Outside of these, there are not fifty white people in the whole region. And the coast line of Alaska is four thousand miles long.

Congress is asked to provide a Government of some sort for these isolated forty-five white people. Heretofore the aborigines have had no occasion to complain that the world is governed too much. Under the simple rule of the Russian-American Fur Company, they were employed to hunt seals, sea-otter, and other animals, and were fed and cared for as kindly as they cared for their own dogs. They hunted, ate, drank, and slept, unvexed by any knowledge whatever of the world outside the fog that shut them in. All they ask now is that they may be let alone. They like whisky, to obtain which they will sell all they have and all they can steal. For the fuel for a long and hot debauch, they will gladly go half-naked all Winter. Their new Government has wisely and paternally prohibited the sale of ardent spirits in the district. But the whisky business is as demoralizing to the whites of Alaska as it is elsewhere. The fluid fire is smuggled in and sold to the aborigines. We are left to infer that of the forty-five white people in the region, a major portion are engaged in the whisky trade. If there were no natives, there would be no whisky dealers, and if there were no whisky dealers, there would be no white folks worth mentioning. This proposition seems conclusive. It may be added that if we could get rid of the aborigines, we could shut up the Territory, hang up the key in the Treasury Department, and advertise Alaska to let.

Unhappily, the tide of emigration seems to be coming from Asia to America. Otherwise, one might coax the Alaskans westward across the narrow strait that separates the two continents. It is believed that the inhabitants of that distant portion of our Republic originated in Asia. It would be fitting, though not at all in keeping with historical precedents, for these descendants of the Aryan race to revisit the birthplace of their progenitors, if they can find it. So long as they remain on this side of the globe, where there is obviously no special use for them, they are undesirable tenants, whose places we do not, however, see any prospect of filling hereafter. The attempt to induce a colony of Icelanders to settle in Alaska has come to nothing. The shrewd strangers were not so enamored of fog, frost, and snow that they must needs go to the North Pacific to find it. Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Washington Territory were equally attractive and far more accessible. There are not Americans enough in the region to man the offices, provided Alaska should be gifted with a civil Government of any sort. It cannot be reached by land without traveling over a foreign territory; and, when it is reached, the intending emigrant immediately returns, horribly disgusted. The revenue from the lessees of the fur-seal grounds is considerable. But we cannot afford to spend this in governing the forty-five white men; and the natives are hardly fit for any government. If they would only go away, we might close out the concern.

A DENTAL DINNER.

The fashion of forming associations of men engaged in similar trades or professions has become almost universal in this country. If there were only two men in the whole United States, engaged, say, in the manufacture of soapstone griddles, they would promptly form themselves into a National Griddle Association, elect themselves respectively President and Secretary thereof, and proceed to hold annual conventions for the purpose of reading essays at one another on "Grease in Relation to Griddles," and the "Past and Future of Soapstone." There is no reasonable doubt that there exists a "Peripatetic Sidewalk Dog-sellers' Association," and a "National Brotherhood of United Old Clothes Men."

Not long ago the United Druggists held their annual convention in Boston, and now the dentists belonging to the "Odontological Society," have gathered themselves together in this City. Persons who have had their teeth repaired at different intervals during the last twenty-five years cannot fail to have noticed the great progress which dentists have made in their useful but excruciating profession. A quarter of a century ago, the dentist was an athlete who removed teeth with an instrument called the turnkey, which was constructed upon the principle of a ship's capstan, and which nearly always accomplished its fiendish purpose, provided the operator was in good training, and braced himself firmly with his feet on his victim's shoulders. The protracted agony of preparing cavities for filling was accomplished by the old-time dentist with the aid of a variety of clumsy chisels and augers, which produced upon the patient's excited brain the firm conviction that the whole interior of his person was undergoing excavation at the hands of the malevolent dentist, and that unless the bony structure of his knees should prove an impenetrable barrier, his legs would inevitably be tunneled throughout their entire length. These vigorous methods of practice have, however, been long since discarded. If you wish to have a tooth drawn, the modern dentist politely reduces you to insensibility with anæsthetics, and when you awake you find that he has painlessly pulled as many teeth as time or inclination may have permitted him to remove. Of course, this easy method of tooth-pulling is open to the objection that an enthusiastic or careless dentist may pull dozens of useful teeth before the patient recovers his consciousness; but if a little care is taken to designate the condemned teeth, either by blazing them with a hatchet, or by some other simple process, the danger that the dentist will exceed his duty may be rendered very slight. An equal degree of progress has been made in filling teeth. The dentist nowadays drills out irregular cavities with a species of circular saw driven by machinery, and when he arrives at the point of stuffing a tooth with gold foil, he sits down to his work on a piano-stool, and wields a mallet and cold chisel with a mingled muscularity and tenderness which bring tears of gratitude and admiration to the patient's eyes. Thus, by the aid of science and skill, dentistry has been so greatly improved that a man can now bear to have a friend's teeth pulled or filled with comparative equanimity.

That the members of this enlightened profession should meet together in convention is both natural and proper. That they should subsequently dine together—or, in the language of similar associations, should partake of a banquet—is also natural, and not intrinsically immoral. Still, a banquet of dentists must be a rather ghastly affair, and one calculated to strike terror to the waiter whose mind has been left unprepared for the spectacle. To the dental mind such a banquet as that of Monday evening last must necessarily have presented itself in the guise of a competition trial of artificial teeth. Each guest undoubtedly endeavored to test his teeth upon the toughest substances, and the innocent waiter must have wondered why so many gentlemen insisted upon calling for mince pie immediately after, or even prior to, soup. His wonder doubtless increased on hearing tooth after tooth break into fragments on the hidden reefs and bowlders of the experimental pie, and on perceiving the exultation with which each possessor of unbroken teeth greeted the mishaps of his rivals. Between the courses he shuddered to see full sets of teeth passed up and down the table for inspection and comment, and when the cautious dentists with one accord changed their teeth before indulging in hot coffee, and either removed them altogether prior to lighting their cigars, or else put on old and loose sets so that they might smoke with ease and comfort, the horrified waiter probably fled howling from the banquet hall. He did not wait to hear the President propose as the first regular toast, "The Health of the Alveolar Processes," or listen to the eloquent tribute paid by some distinguished dentist to the ingenious inventor who first applied the principle of hydraulic mining to the excavation of human teeth. That these are the distinguishing features of an odontological banquet, it is hardly necessary to demonstrate. The universally known fact that every dentist proves his faith in his own work, by wearing teeth exclusively of his own manufacture when applying for his diploma, is exceedingly creditable to the profession, and if the dentists did not display the merits of their respective teeth at a professional banquet, they would be lacking in that earnest devotion to dentistry which so honorably distinguishes them.

AMUSEMENTS.

BRIEF MENTION.

The Hernandez-Ravel pantomime troupe offer a seasonable entertainment at Tony Pastor's New Theatre, throughout this week.

"Caste" will be acted at Wallack's to-night and Friday, and, to-morrow and Saturday afternoon and evening, "Bosom Friends" will be repeated.

The sale of seats for the Von Bülow concerts, to commence on Monday next at Chickering Hall, begins this morning at Schuberth's, in Union square, and at No. 114 Broadway.

In consequence of the illness of Mr. William Formes, there will be no performance at the Academy of Music, this evening. On Saturday night "The Postilion" will be sung, and, on Monday, "William Tell" is to be given.

The Garrick Dramatic Association gave a performance last evening in the Union League Club Theatre, in aid of the House of Rest for Consumptives. The audience was a large and very fashionable one. The play was "The Romance of a Poor Young Man."

The usual Monday change of programme occurred at the Eagle Theatre, night before last, and Miss Julia Mathews, with Messrs. Macdermott, Wild, Kernell, and Tooley came before the public with a wealth of new songs, dances, and acts. The grand holiday pantomime is promised for Monday next.

To-morrow's performance at the Lyceum Theatre promises to be the most hilarious of the season. It is to be given for the benefit of M. Mezières, the *comique* of the French company now performing there, and the performance is to include "Les Chevaliers du Pince-nez" and "Le Homard," two pieces which have not heretofore had a hearing in this City, and both of which are uncommonly amusing.

THE RISE OF LIBERIA.

A GRAND EVENT IN THE HISTORY OF NATIONS—LIFE IN LIBERIA—ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEW-YORK COLONIZATION SOCIETY.

The New-York Colonization Society held its sixth annual meeting last evening in the lecture-room of the Broadway Tabernacle. Rev. Dr. G. W. Samson presided, and, after the preliminary religious exercises, read the annual report of the society. Its operations, he said, during the year had been greatly restricted, owing to the lack of funds. While the society was laboring against adverse circumstances of this nature the Republic of Liberia, to the settlement of which it directs its efforts, has been involved in a war with the neighboring tribes, but this evil seemed rather to tend to increase its prosperity than otherwise. The war was brought upon the colony by the intriguing of mercenary white men, who tempted the natives to a violation of the law. The war called forth the active interest and sympathy of the United States Government, which for some years had been dormant, because there was no special demand for its exercise, and a new and increased association between the colony and the mother country has been awakened. The fact that the appeal of the Executive Committee of the society to President Grant for aid to the Liberians in their struggle had been anticipated by the Government by the preparation in the Navy Department to send out aid, was a manifest indication that the past watchful care of the United States was still alive.

The report was adopted, and Rev. Dr. John Orcutt, General Secretary of the American Colonization Society, gave an account of the late war between the natives and the colonists.

The occasion of the war between the Liberians and the natives was, he said, a question of title. The natives claimed that the portion of Liberia embraced in the County of Maryland at least belonged to them, and that they had a perfect right to trade with foreigners without any interruptions or Custom-house restrictions. The Liberians claimed that they had a valid title to all the land they possessed, and did not intend to relinquish their rights in the case. Over this question the two hostile parties resorted to the sword, and six battles, or, more properly speaking, skirmishes, occurred prior to October last. The first two occurred at Philadelphia, a town about ten miles from Cape Palmos, the third at Jacksonville, the fourth at Latrobe, and the fifth and sixth at Tubman Town. In all of these few persons were killed or wounded on either side, and the Liberians were, in every case, victorious. But, to be prepared for any future emergency, some eleven hundred soldiers were stationed at Cape Palmas, under command of Gen. Gardner, Vice President of the Republic. After a sojourn there of about a month, Brig. Gen. Crayton, Vice President elect, resolved on an aggressive movement on Saturday night, Oct. 9. Gen. Sherman and others remonstrated against it, but without avail. At daybreak on Sunday morning, after a fatiguing march, they reached the native town in view, and shortly after a battle commenced. But it had not progressed long before Gen. Crayton, from some cause best known to himself, retired from the field. Still, the battle went on and finally resulted in favor of the natives. The Liberians had about seventy of their men killed and wounded. Emboldened by their victory, the natives, the next day, Monday, Oct. 11, with a large force, made an attack upon Tubman Town, which was garrisoned by only some fifty men, who reserved their fire until the enemy was within a short distance, when they charged upon them killing and wounding so many that they retreated in confusion, leaving their guns and everything that impeded their flight behind them. This was the last battle of which the speaker had any knowledge. He thought that as this Government had ordered the war steamer Alaska, of the European Squadron, to be sent at once to Monrovia to aid and protect the Liberians, it was reasonable to infer that the warfare had ended, at least for the present. In conclusion Dr. Orcutt stated that over 3,000 colored people had emigrated from this country to the Republic of Liberia, 500 of whom were from the State of Alabama alone.

Bishop Janes next addressed the society, saying that to the best of his belief the managers of the colonization cause had never persuaded or urged the colored people of this country to emigrate. They had simply laid before them the true condition of the land. The advantages of the country, he regretted to say, were not as well understood and appreciated as they should be. Nevertheless, its colonization was no failure, while its interests at the present time are well adjusted under the direction of real philanthropy and political sagacity. Nor does its success diminish in a comparison with that of the American Colonies. Some of the latter gained, it was true, more population in a shorter period of time and, perhaps, possessed more national wealth, but still the aggregate results of the Liberian colonies, comparatively speaking, were richer. Even those colonies which had royal patronage and protection, the Governments of which were so perfect in their way were devoid of that glorious self-government characteristic of the Liberian Colonies. Liberia has secured from nations the acknowledgement of a national status, its educational facilities are remarkable; its churches, Sabbath-schools, and other agencies that serve to advance a state of moral and social life are numerous. While Liberia is not an American Republic, it is a Republic of America; not a setting, but a rising star, throwing its clear light along that 600 miles of the African coast. There is another comparison which can in justice be made between the present Liberian Colonies and the American Colonies of the past. The latter, or rather the nations of Europe through them, encouraged the slave trade, and brought thousands of unfortunate people into bondage. Liberia, on the other hand, has abolished the trade within its dominions, and is endeavoring to abrogate it all over the world. All the successes of the Colonies have not been attained without a struggle against many obstructions. The climate was not very good, and the surrounding tribes very troublesome. It required much labor to prepare the soil, make roads, build homes and public buildings, and lay the foundation of a Government. All this, too, was to be done by people unaccustomed to work for themselves; yet with these manifold disadvantages the result is one of the grandest events in the history of nations. Comfortable homes have been established, the land has been thoroughly cultivated, an adequate number of physicians have been induced to settle there. These and other measures have greatly reduced the danger and dread of emigration. The speaker concluded by saying that, in his opinion, the day was not far distant when Liberia would be represented in this country by colored men, and Liberian ships, freighted in Liberia would sail into our American ports officered and manned by colored men. After a brief address by Dr. Samson, and the reading of a letter from Rev. Dr. Inglis, expressing his regret at being unable to attend and deliver an address expected from him, the meeting adjourned.

"OTHER WORLDS THAN OURS."

PROF. PROCTOR'S LECTURE—FEATURES OF THE DISCOURSE.

Prof. Proctor lectured again last evening at Steinway Hall, the subject of this third discourse being "Other Worlds than Ours." The attendance was not quite so large as at the previous lectures. The lecturer began as follows:

The subject of life in other worlds is not, strictly speaking, scientific, for science refers only to the known, and this has necessarily reference to the unknown. The astronomer, the geologist, the biologist, and the physicist has each his separate walk in science, but if a man could combine in himself all that the best of these knew, he would yet be without that positive science which would enable him to determine that life existed in other worlds. The subject, however, affords a convenient opportunity for joining together certain branches of astronomy which would otherwise be uninteresting to those who have not made astronomy the pursuit of their lives. There are some who think that their religious convictions oppose such an inquiry, but in my opinion religion may be left out of consideration in the examination of theories on the subject. Science has to decide whether, according to the Scottish joke, the bumble bee is a bird or a beast, and has to settle the matter, albeit a religious question, and on week-days too. We may pursue the theory before us without feeling any religious scruples, for some of the most religious men have found in it the sweetest consolation. There are two theories concerning life in other worlds: one that the world is alone suited for living beings, the other that every other world is inhabited by beings whose life is modified by the elementary substances around it. I desire to bring before you a theory intermediate between these two; one accordant with all the facts so far known, and consistent with the great law of analogy. It is that though the chances are that life is not synchronous upon the planets of any system, yet that there are certain worlds in our solar system in which there are probabilities, or at least possibilities, of existence. Also, that when the attention is turned from our solar system to the starry heavens, containing unnumbered suns, the probabilities of animated worlds are multiplied proportionately.

Between the periods that exist before life is possible on any planet and that when it has ceased to be possible is the period of animated existence, which, compared to those that precede it and that which follows it, is as a finite to two infinites. Nor is that period by any means central in time any more than our sun is central in space. We must realize that life occupies merely an infinitesimal space in the enormous periods through which matter progresses. Nor does the hypothesis that some worlds have ceased to live, and that others have yet to assume the stage of life, contemplate any uniformity of life or that all life should be identical with our own. That trenches entirely upon imagination, and what I am now about to show you deals entirely with the aspects of the planets as we know them. What I shall show you with regard to the giant planets, though it may be at variance with the text of school-books, is literally agreed upon by all astronomers, and is not sensational or startling in any sense save as a new truth is always startling. Here the room was darkened, and the stereopticon displayed successively pictures of Mercury and Venus, which the lecturer declared had some chances of being inhabited though the probabilities were against such a fact. From these he turned to the planet Mars, where the probabilities were greatly in favor of life; and from this planet he proceeded to Jupiter and Saturn. He showed that these were glowing with great internal heat, and propounded the theory that they acted as suns, Jupiter to his four satellites, and Saturn to his eight, making the solar system a ternary like so many of the systems observed in space. In conclusion several pictures of the stellar universe were presented.

THE SCIENCE OF DENTISTRY.

DISCUSSIONS BY THE NEW-YORK ODONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The New-York Odontological Society met yesterday morning in the parlor connected with the Sunday-school room of Dr. Crosby's Church on Fourth avenue. The President, Dr. A. L. Northrup, was in the chair, the Vice President, Dr. Benjamin Lord, sitting beside him, and Drs. Jarvie and Carr officiated as Secretaries. There were present from other localities, in addition to those mentioned in yesterday's issue as having attended the evening session, Dr. Sage, of Bridgeport: Dr. Allen, of Newburg; Dr. Palmer, of Syracuse; Drs. Ham and Codman, of Boston; Dr. Jones, of Northampton; Drs. Darby, Huey, Guilford, and McQuillen, of Philadelphia, and Dr. McManus, of Hartford. Of New-York dentists there were more than a hundred present. The assemblage was so large that the extensive parlor would not hold all, and nearly one-half seated themselves in the pews of the Sunday-school room, the sliding doors between being thrown open to make the communication as thorough as possible. Business commenced punctually at 9 o'clock with the reading of the minutes, after which three papers were read, one on "Facial Neuralgia," by Dr. C. N. Pierce; the second on "Antiseptic Treatment of Dental Pulp and Pulp Cavity," by Dr. C. Spence Bate, and the third on "Necrosis," by Dr. William H. Atkinson. On the first two subjects there was very considerable discussion, not from any decided difference of opinion, but because very many of the gentlemen present had observed interesting facts in connection with the subjects. With regard to facial neuralgia the curious circumstance was elicited that in a vast preponderance of cases the cause of trouble was a diseased tooth. Illustration after illustration was given on this point, and anecdotes were related of surgeons who had gravely prescribed for patients all manner of tonic and alterative remedies, and had been astonished at the baffling character of the malady, with a final result of a visit to a dentist, and subsequent relief. The second subject concerned local applications to prevent inflammation and swelling of the face. These two discussions occupied so much time that when Dr. Dexter had finished the reading of Dr. Atkinson's paper on "Necrosis" the President announced that the time had come for adjournment.

At 2 o'clock the dentists reassembled, though in reduced numbers, and proceedings were resumed by the reading of a paper on the "Chemistry of Dental Caries," by Dr. Palmer, of Syracuse. In this address he placed himself upon an electrical basis, and ascribed the changes of teeth as proceeding from electro-capillary forces resulting from the action of acids upon alkalies. It was a long and able paper, and necessarily called forth much discussion. One dental brother objected to the phrase electro-capillary, which he thought ought rather to be magneto-capillary, but the sense of the assembly evidently was that mere nomenclature was a secondary consideration, the first point being to see how far the facts were in accordance with the reader's theory. Dr. Flagg, of Philadelphia, was of opinion that there was much to corroborate him, and made a special hit upon the frequency of dead teeth, killed by gold filling, and the comparative rarity of such bad results from gutta percha filling, the one being a metal and liable to electric disturbance, the other a negative substance and not liable. It would not do, he declared, to put the blame upon the filler, for he had in his office several bottles filled with teeth upon which the best operators in Philadelphia had practiced their powers, and yet the teeth had died completely in two years. He was waiting to see when he should find similar results from gutta percha filling, which all first-class dentists had despised, or applauded merely as a good temporary substitute, and he had not found a single one. Some surgeons had talked of vital forces in connection with teeth. That was a door comparatively closed to him, for he did not know what those vital forces were, or how they operated, but it did seem to him as if the door of electricity was a little bit open. Dr. Kingsley said that possibly there was a constitutional idiosyncrasy, and that gutta percha fillings would be suitable for some and unsuitable for others. Dr. Buckingham, of Philadelphia, could not agree that all changes were the result of electricity. He did not doubt that electricity was always present where matter suffered a change, but did not accept it as the changing force, the *causa*. There were other forces besides electricity—for example, capillary forces. It could hardly be said that it was electricity which sent the blood coursing through the veins and circulating through the tissues. Electricity, or polarization, was competent to build up crystals, but not to make cells of living organisms and give them assimilating powers. He strongly objected to Huxley's views of protoplasm, that it might either grow to a thistle or to a man. And he concluded by declaring, as there were many varieties of matter, so there were many forces. The writer of the article, Dr. Palmer, then rose to point out that certainly he had never declared electricity to be the only force, and that he did not think so. This would probably have closed the discussion had not Dr. Buckingham's reference to Huxley roused the ire of Dr. Atkinson, who rose in a tremor of scientific indignation and accused his dental brother of having misused the word protoplasm, and having given to it the meaning of the word germ, which it ought not to have, and never could have in any sense in which Huxley used it. Then he diverged to a consideration of the Huxley creed of protoplastic appetency, and sat down after a brilliant explanation of the potentiality of matter. The Chairman, finding the subject exhausted, reminded the assembly that nothing had been said about necrosis, and declared it now ready for discussion, but nobody being willing to discuss it, Dr. Atkinson spoke concerning his own paper himself, making heavy strictures upon surgeons generally for their treatment of and dogmas concerning inflammation, and this in spite of many warning raps from the President's pencil, at the unparliamentary and somewhat unkind mention of a cognate profession. The next paper was then read, on "Pressure and Contact as Causes of Dental Decay," by Dr. Henry D. Chase, and immediately afterward the next one, on the "Influence of Vital Force in Resisting Dental Decay," was read also by the author, Dr. M. S. Dean. The assembly then adjourned.

The evening session was commenced at 7:30 with discussion of the two previous papers. This was followed by a paper on "Practical Lessons from Comparative Odontology," by Dr. Charles S. Tomes, and by another on the "Practical Results Obtained with Plastic Fillings as Compared with Theoretic Tests," by Dr. Thomas Fletcher. An animated discussion was held on the latter, and the meeting adjourned.

MAX MUELLER'S RESIGNATION.

A LETTER FROM THE PROFESSOR EXPLAINING HIS MOTIVES.

"The following letter," Prof. Max Mueller writes, "addressed to the Vice Chancellor, has been printed in order to inform my many friends, both within the University (of Oxford) and without, of my resignation of the Chair of Comparative Philology, and to explain to them the motives which, after long consideration, have induced me to take this step:"

ALL SOULS' COLLEGE, Dec. 1.

DEAR MR. VICE CHANCELLOR: I beg to inform you that, at the end of the present academical year, I intend to resign the Professorship of Comparative Philology. I shall then have served the University, first as deputy professor, then as Professor of Modern Languages and Literature, and afterward as Professor of Comparative Philology, for exactly twenty-five years. Though I am not yet *senio confectus*, yet I begin to feel that I shall not much longer be able to fulfill my professional duties as I should wish to do. I think therefore that the time has come when, for the sake of the university as well as for my own sake, I should make room for younger men. I have just finished the work of my life, the *Editio Princeps* of the text and commentary of the oldest of the sacred books of the Brahmans, the oldest book of the Aryan world. This first brought me in 1846 to England, where alone I could have found all the manuscripts necessary for that undertaking, and where I afterward obtained, through the liberality of the Indian Government, the pecuniary means required for publishing the largest Sanskrit text ever published in Europe. It was in order to be able to stay in England to superintend the printing of this work that I accepted the duties of a Professor in your university, and if I tell you that, in addition to my professorial duties, I have had to print at your University Press what would amount to a volume of about six hundred pages octavo of pure Sanskrit, in every one of the last twenty-five years, you will perhaps be less surprised that I begin to long for some rest. Though the most difficult part of my work is now finished, there still remains much to be done. I have published the first volume only of my translation of the Sacred Hymns of the Brahmans, and there are seven more to follow. There is some other work, too, connected with this, the most ancient and most important monument of Sanskrit literature, which, if life and health are spared, I should like to finish. This I could not hope to achieve if I attempted to discharge at the same time, as I have hitherto done, the duties incumbent on a professor of comparative philology in this university, duties which seem to me to consist, not only in giving a certain number of lectures, but in keeping well abreast with the rapid advance of this young science. I had therefore to choose between Sanscrit and comparative philology, and great as will be the sacrifice to myself, I believe I shall best fulfill the wishes of my friends, and best serve the interests of science, if, during the remaining years of my life, I again devote my undivided attention to the ancient language and literature of India. Deeply as I regret my separation from the University of Oxford, and my having to part with many old and true friends, I have at least this satisfaction, that I leave the new Science of Language, to which my work as Professor has been mainly devoted, firmly established in the system of academic studies, and that the university will find among my pupils several quite able to fill my place. Whether my services, imperfect as they must needs have seemed to many, have given me any equitable claim to a retiring pension, I gladly leave to the decision of the university. Allow me, dear Mr. Vice Chancellor, to thank you for much personal kindness which I have received from you, and let me assure you that I shall always remember most gratefully the unvarying courtesy and indulgence shown to me during my long residence at Oxford by so many members of your university. I thought it right that you should be among the first to be informed of my decision. If some more formal document is required to convey to you and the Hebdomadal Council my resignation of the Professorship of Comparative Philology, it shall be sent at the proper time.

I beg to remain, dear Mr. Vice Chancellor, your faithful servant, F. MAX MUELLER.

The Rev. the Vice Chancellor, New College.

AUSTRALIA.

GOODS FOR THE CENTENNIAL NOW ON THEIR WAY TO NEW-YORK—THE PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENTS—MINING NOTES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—The advices by the mail steam-ship Vasco Da Gama are as follows. The Sydney *Herald*, of Nov. 19, supplies the following news:

The New South Wales Parliament opened on the 16th inst.

There is fair activity in the mining districts, though water is scarce in many places. The copper and tin mines are producing well. The rain-fall in Sydney and in the coast districts has been very light, and the crops are poor. In the southern country the season is favorable. From the pastoral districts the returns are generally encouraging, and a heavy yield of wool is anticipated.

In Victoria the ministerial elections are over. The Commissioner of Mines and the Solicitor General have been defeated in consequence of the Catholic vote not coming up to the standard required by the priesthood.

The Chinese question continues to attract much attention, particularly from moral and social standpoints.

The Chamber of Commerce recommends the adoption of the postal card system, and it will probably be soon introduced.

The articles to be exhibited at the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia will be sent direct to New-York at the end of this month, and the articles from South Australia and Tasmania will be sent at the same time. In Queensland railroad surveys are being pushed vigorously.

Mr. MacKay, the Commissioner to the American Centennial, at a farewell banquet tendered to him, stated that he proposed to travel extensively in the United States, and become thoroughly acquainted with their producing interests.

New discoveries of paying quartz mines are reported daily.

The South Australia Parliament opened on the 10th inst.

Port Adelaide proving insufficient for the shipping requirements of the colony, measures are being taken for increased harbor accommodations. The prospects for the coming harvest are unusually promising. The Government has prohibited the importation of vines from Europe and America. The Tasmania Parliament opened Oct. 25, rejected the public works scheme, and was prorogued on the 3d inst. The New-Zealand Parliament was prorogued on the 21st of October. The session was unsatisfactory, scarcely anything being done for the public benefit. Serious disturbances with the natives have taken place at Auckland.

SALE OF PAINTINGS.

The paintings contributed by members of the Academy of Design and others, in aid of the fund for the liquidation of the mortgage debt, were offered by auction at the Academy last evening, Mr. Robert Somerville officiating as auctioneer. The attendance at the sale was large, the gallery being quite full, but the bidding was very slow indeed, and many of the lots were passed. The following pictures were sold: "Flight of Birds," Fidelia Bridges, $55; "Lake Como," F. Waller, $12; "Pansies," Miss Granbery, $18; "Dryburgh Abbey," A. Richardson, N. A., $9; "Spring Time," William Magrath, $30; "A Mink Pond," J. L. Fitch, $16; "Mother's Grave," Carl Hubner, $30; "In Charge of Baby," Winslow Homer, N. A., $25; "Puritans in the Wilderness," F. O. C. Darley, N. A., $65; "Willing to Work," Blauvelt, $40 bid; "Dorothy Fox," G. W. Flagg, $25; "View at York, Me.," A. F. Bellows, N. A., $40; "Landscape," Pope, $45; "Sibyl's Temple, Tivoli," J. F. Cropsey, N. A., $65; "Rocky Mountains," Bierstadt, N. A., $190; "Roman Mother," R. M. Staigg, N. A., $4; "Old Mill," Whittredge, N. A., $105; "Fancy Sketch," J. B. Flagg, N. A., $20; "Bend in the Brook," T. A. Richards, N. A., $60; "Sunset, Long Island," C. H. Miller, N. A., $125; "Lake Scene," Casilear, N. A., $105; "Flowers," Lambdin, N. A., $47; "Sunset," H. W. Robbins, N. A., $50; "Moonlight," Shattuck, N. A., $25; "Sunlit Path," H. A. Loop, N. A., $40; "View near Amherst," Sonntag, N. A., $37; "Spring-tide," W. T. Richards, $200; "Minora," E. D. E. Greene, N. A., $150; "Dark Days," Jervis McEntee, N. A., $210; "The Old Captain," Eastman Johnson, N. A., $255; "Winter Scene," the late L. R. Mignot, N. A., $60; "November Day," Whittredge, N. A., $85; "Pickaback," T. W. Wood, N. A., $125; "Brittany Girl," (crayon,) G. H. Boughton, N. A., $25; "Sing Sing, N. Y.," Von Perbrandt, $30; "Pueblo Indian Village," Vincent Colyer, $60; "The Hudson," Edward Gay, $24. A few other pictures were disposed of at very moderate prices.

THE LOST ON THE PACIFIC.

Mr. Edwin Taylor, of Binghamton, the *Republican* says, has received a letter from a friend in Portland, Oregon, dated Nov. 28, which, speaking of the loss of the steamer Pacific, says: "Bodies are being found of the victims of the disaster all the time. One of Mr. Rockwell's trunks has been found, and the body of the horse Mazeppa has been found, covered with life preservers. I am almost sorry that I ever made Mrs. Rockwell's acquaintance, her terrible fate made me feel so sad. They were supposed to have a great deal of money with them, unless they had sent it to San Francisco or home."

AN INSANE MURDERER.

SAVED FROM THE GALLOWS.

JACOB STAUDERMANN'S DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED TO IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE —DRS. ORDRONAUX AND WOOD PRONOUNCE THE CONDEMNED MAN INSANE.

Gov. Tilden has commuted the sentence of Jacob Staudermann, sentenced to be hanged in this City on the 31st inst., to imprisonment for life, Dr. Ordronaux and Dr. Wood, the commission appointed to inquire into his mental condition, having reported him insane. Following is the report of Drs. Wood and Ordronaux, who were appointed by the Governor to examine the soundness of the mind of Jacob Staudermann:

To Hon. Samuel J. Tilden, Governor of the State of New-York:

SIR: The undersigned, a commission appointed by you to inquire into the mental sanity of Jacob Staudermann, now confined in the City Prison of New-York under conviction for an offense for which the punishment is death, respectfully present this as their report:

From the judicial history of the case it appears that the prisoner was convicted of the felonious homicide of Louise Siedenwald at a Court of Oyer and Terminer held in and for the County of New-York on the 20th day of October last; that upon said trial only two witnesses testified on behalf of the prisoner as to the facts occurring previous to his arrest; that subsequent to such conviction as aforesaid new evidence was discovered relating to his early life, and bearing more particularly upon the question of his mental sanity. This evidence, had it been known at the time of the trial, would have justified the defendant in interposing the plea of insanity as his whole defense upon arraignment, and being material and relevant to the issue thus tendered, would have justified the court in appointing a commission of lunacy to pass upon its merits pursuant to section 30 of article 2 of title 1 of chapter 446 of the Laws of 1874. Your commission further report that their proceedings were duly entered upon at the City Prison aforesaid on Tuesday, the 8th day of December, by publicly reading the commission issued to them for execution, and examining witnesses and the prisoner under oath. That they have, in fulfillment of such duties, examined twenty-four witnesses exclusive of the prisoner, twenty-two of whom had never previously testified in the case; that two municipal certificates issued under the hand and seal of the Mayor of Wendelsheim, in the Grand Duchy of Darmstadt, were also admitted in evidence as corroborative testimony, and that they also examined the prisoner, Jacob Staudermann, both physically and by oral interrogation, from all which facts, now in evidence before them, it appears that Jacob Staudermann is a native of Wendelsheim, in the Grand Duchy of Hesse Darmstadt, and about thirty years of age; that he came to this country about six years ago; that his mother was an epileptic throughout life, and generally regarded as unsound by her neighbors; that she died in an epileptic fit; that two of her daughters were similarly affected, one of whom died on the same day as her mother; that Jacob Staudermann was a sickly child, suffering in youth from epilepsy like his sister; that he was always very irritable, even when playing, and had the peculiar pallid complexion incidental to his nervous disease; that he had frequent tremors of a convulsive kind when the least excited, and also hallucinations of sight, during which he saw imaginary pigeons, and that his father was heard to say he wished the child was dead, as he took after his mother. All these facts are supported by cumulative testimony, obtained from neighbors whose character is also vouched for by competent witnesses.

It further appears in evidence that at or about the period of his sixteenth year, Jacob Staudermann met with a fall from a barn, by which his skull was fractured and his brain seriously injured. He was in bed for four months, during two of which he was generally delirious, and it was a year before he recovered sufficiently to resume his duties about the house. On account of these injuries to the brain he was, after due medical examination, exempted from military service. These facts, together with the epilepsy of his mother, are officially certified to by the Mayor and Town Council of Wendelsheim, and which certificates, with all the minutes of testimony taken upon these proceedings, are hereunto annexed as the record of our execution of this commission; and it further appears in evidence that since his residence in this country, Jacob Staudermann, whether to his old neighbors who have emigrated to this City, or to his new acquaintances formed here, has always appeared strange in conduct and demeanor, foolish in his conversation, and irascible and violent without provocation; that in consequence he was generally regarded as one who might be dangerous, because unreasonable in his judgments and without evident self-control in acting under their influences; that he had no apparent capacity to measure the effects of his own conduct, as shown by the overpowering violence with which he would at times reply to the most trivial criticism upon himself or his clothing, and that they did not care about keeping up any acquaintance with him on this account. He himself appears to have withdrawn from the circle of his old acquaintances, so that at the time of his trial the existence of even his brother was unknown to his counsel, to whom also he gave no information touching his friends. He remained throughout the six months he was in prison preceding his trial, in the same moodiness and taciturnity. The evidence further shows that he was never really engaged to Miss Siedenwald; that he imagined himself to be so, and that through the influence of his epileptic constitution his brain was in a state of continuous erethism, and his mind as constantly revolving about the idea of marriage with her. Wherever he went he spoke of nothing else, and he became so unreasonably excited when doing so as to speak openly of shooting her if she did not consent to marry him, and even exhibited a pistol while so speaking to one or more witnesses. His account of the homicide is imperfect as to details, but tallies logically with the action of an unbalanced mind thoroughly infected by inheritance, and dwarfed by the progress of disease. The act of shooting was simply the phenomenal expression of an epileptic vertigo. He correctly describes the invasion of the attack and properly localizes it. Then all was gone; he saw nothing, remembered nothing, and when he came to and "felt right" the act was done. He says he felt sorry afterward, says no word, but exhibits none of that grief or deep conviction of its fearful character which is akin to penitence. His mind has not enough intensity of power to localize itself upon any one idea, or to perform acts of self-introspection. Nature has degraded him too far for that. The medical examination of the prisoner shows that he is a man of low organization and arrested physical development. He is under-sized, with unsymmetrical trunk and limbs; has the epileptic complexion, with the characteristic expression of the eyes; his intelligence, measured by the ordinary incidents of a shoemaker's life, reveals nothing striking in itself; it is possibly neither higher than many nor lower than some, but his memory has that defective character which belongs to a grade of imbecility, not purely congenital but acquired through and added to by a lifelong heritage of degeneration. This is collateral testimony to his mental weakness and general abasement. His head exhibits the scar left by the fracture of his skull in youth. He also has hallucinations of sight at times. He has an unsteady gait, and otherwise reveals obscure symptoms of that form of paralysis known as locomotor ataxy. He is in every sense a being degraded by nature and uncontrolled by sufficient power of mind to appreciate his duty, either to himself or to others, as a moral obligation entailing responsibility. From all these facts and findings we are of opinion that the prisoner, Jacob Staudermann, when he shot Miss Siedenwald was without legal capacity to commit a felonious homicide; that he did not know the nature or the consequence of the act he was committing, and was impelled to it by a disease of body wholly subjugating his mind. We are further of the opinion that he is an imbecile as the result of such disease, and when moved to any effort involving the exercise of his moral affections is swayed alone by instinctive impulses. We find him accordingly to be insane and irresponsible within the letter and intent of the statute under which we are acting.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,) JOHN ORDRONAUX, JAMES R. WOOD, } Commissioners.

RECEPTION TO A PROMINENT TEMPERANCE MAN.

Mr. J. H. Raper, a prominent representative of the United Temperance Alliance of Great Britain, was last evening made the recipient, at Association Hall, of a complimentary reception tendered by the National Temperance Association of the United States. The exercises, which were enjoyed by a large audience, were begun by prayer by Rev. Dr. Chickering, and followed by addresses by Hon. William E. Dodge and Rev. Dr. J. B. Dunn, at the conclusion of which Mr. Raper was introduced, and, after thanking the audience for the compliment paid him, stated that he had not visited the United States for the purpose of making speeches, but rather to quietly watch the workings of that undercurrent of society which converged toward the great reform which was being gradually carried on on both sides of the Atlantic simultaneously for the bettering of the condition of the race—the suppression of the liquor traffic. After describing the details of the organization of the United Temperance Alliance, he stated that if a citizen of the United States were to study the literature of Great Britain, he would discover that the temperance question had pushed its way into all the great political and religious debates of the day, assuming a prominence which rendered it impossible for any political or religious party to overlook or ignore it. He continued by arguing that whatever might be the unhappy extent of the evil of intemperance in this country, it was equaled in Great Britain, where, according to an accurate calculation £300,000,000 were last year expended for liquor. The speaker closed his address by urging his American brethren to prosecute their work of reform, saying that the American temperance movement would be watched in Great Britain with peculiar interest, as Americans were the pioneers in the work. At the conclusion of the address Mother Stewart, the celebrated Ohio crusader, was introduced, and delivered a very effective speech upon the subject of temperance reform, relating, with quaint humor, anecdotes of the late "woman's crusade." After brief addresses by several other speakers the meeting adjourned.

E. M. & W. WARD.

The firm of E. M. & W. Ward have three stores, the principal one at the corner of Fourteenth street and Broadway, and the two branch stores being respectively at the corner of White street and Broadway, and the corner of Twenty-fifth street and the same thoroughfare. They are hosiers, shirtmakers, and glovers, and do a general business in gentlemen's furnishing goods second to none in the City. The excellent quality of their stock and its low prices commend this firm to popular favor. Among the things which are most seasonable, and for which there is now the most active demand, are smoking jackets and dressing-gowns in all styles and varieties of make, at very moderate prices; silk handkerchiefs and mufflers of fine make and quality, very suitable for holiday presents; gentlemen's neck wear in the latest and most fashionable styles; initial and plain handkerchiefs, underwear of all kinds, gloves the same; black silk socks for full dress, and fine silk umbrellas, very beautifully mounted, from $4 up. Indeed, every variety of article in a gentleman's wardrobe may be found in the stores of this firm, the best and most costly as well as the cheaper kinds; and in shirts they claim that those turned out from their factory, are second to none in the market.

THE REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The Republican Executive and Central Committees met last night at their head-quarters, corner of Broadway and Thirty-third street, the President, Joel W. Mason, in the chair, and Messrs. Lyon and Herring, Secretaries. There was a good attendance of members. This was the last meeting of the present Central Committee, and the proceedings were confined to routine business. Mr. Granville P. Hawes, Chairman of the Finance Committee, announced that the amount received during the year was $26,194 29, and the amount expended $26,738 88, leaving a deficit of $544 58, which had been kindly advanced by Mr. George Bliss to meet current expenses. The report, accompanied with vouchers, was then placed on file. A communication was received from the Seventeenth District Republican Association, presenting a statement of facts in regard to the repudiation by the Republicans of the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the candidature of Stephen M. Simonson for Alderman of the Eighth District. The communication was received and placed on file, and the whole subject was referred for investigation and report to the Executive Committee of the next Central Committee. The committee then adjourned sine die.

EXAMINATION OF POLICE CAPTAINS.

The examination of the Captains of Police, in accordance with the resolutions recently adopted by the Board of Police, was commenced last evening. The resolutions provide that certain evenings be set apart for sessions of the Board of Examiners, at which the Captains of Police are to appear for examination as to their qualifications and fitness for the positions which they occupy. The Board of Examiners consists of Superintendent Walling, Inspectors Dilks, McDermott, Thorne, and Speight, and Drill Captain Copeland, and during the examination of Captains the Police Commissioners are to be present. Last evening Capts. Garland, of the Eighteen Precinct, and Byrnes, of the Twenty fifth Precinct, appeared before the board, and underwent the prescribed examination, the result of which was not made public.

TO BE HAD FOR THE ASKING,

The best Almanac for 1876 published—contains an immense amount of information useful in the family or counting-house—just issued by the Universal Life Insurance Company, Nos. 17 and 19 Warren street.—*Express.*

The recent terrible monetary depression among importers and manufacturers, and the absolute necessity for getting money at any sacrifice to meet their obligations, enabled the proprietors of the GREAT ORIGINAL DOLLAR STORE, No. 667 Broadway, to purchase vast quantities of the most desirable goods at extremely low prices—so low that they now offer these same goods at prices below the actual cost of manufacture and importation. Goods that have never been offered before for less than from $2 to $6, and even $7 each, are now sold for one dollar each, while more costly presents such as Gold and Silver Watches, Work Tables, Bronzes, Work Boxes, elegant French Clocks, &c., &c., are offered proportionately low. There never has been a time in the history of New-York when holiday presents could be purchased for so little money as they can now at the GREAT ORIGINAL DOLLAR STORE, No. 667 Broadway. It will be visited by 200,000 persons between this and New Year's Day.—*Advertisement.*

WHILE WAITING FOR A COUGH to go as it came, you are often laying the foundation for some pulmonary or bronchial affection. It is better to get rid of a cold at once by using that sure remedy, DR. D. JAYNE'S EXPECTORANT, which will cure the most stubborn cough, and relieve you of all anxiety as to dangerous consequences.—*Advertisement.*

FINE PICTURES AND PICTURE FRAMES, finest engravings and photographs imported, of all kinds, elegantly framed, at low prices. BRADLEY'S, No. 71 Liberty st. Cut this for card.—*Advertisement.*

DR. HASBROUCK—NITROUS OXIDE GAS.—Teeth extracted without pain. Office corner of Broadway and Twenty-sixth street.—*Advertisement.*

WEEKLY TIMES.

THE NEW-YORK WEEKLY TIMES, published this morning, contains:

NOTES FROM OVER THE SEA. By Grace Greenwood.

"PODGERS" ON MATTERS AND THINGS IN SAN FRANCISCO.

HOW THE PARISIANS SPEND THE WINTER.

A REVIEW OF EMERSON'S NEW BOOK.

THE PLYMOUTH CHURCH SCANDAL.

DEAD PLANETS; SPIRITUAL WIVES.

HOUSEKEEPER'S COLUMN; CHURCH NEWS.

FOREIGN NOTES.

RAISING DAIRY COWS; RESULTS OF MEAL FEEDING.

ANOTHER SEEDSMAN IN TROUBLE; HOW GRASSHOPPER EGGS ARE DESTROYED.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS; THE NEW-YORK FARMERS' CLUB.

With a great variety of miscellaneous reading matter and full reports of FINANCIAL and COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS, the LIVE STOCK and FARM PRODUCE MARKETS.

Copies for sale at THE TIMES OFFICE; also at THE TIMES UP-TOWN OFFICE, NO. 1,257 BROADWAY. PRICE FIVE CENTS.

Husband's Calcined Magnesia is Free from unpleasant taste or roughness to the touch or palate. In one-third the dose of common magnesia it relieves sick headache, sour stomach, costiveness, and other diseases of the stomach and bowels. The World's Fair Medal and four First Premium Silver Medals awarded it as the best in the market. For sale by druggists and country storekeepers.

Go to Brummell's for your Candies.—40,000 pounds of CANDIES to be sold at 20 cents to 25 cents per pound. Five-pound boxes, 90 cents to $1 10. No. 410 Grand st., New-York.

Christmas Presents.—Gents' toilet slippers in great variety, with ladies' and children's boots and shoes, for holiday presents, at MILLER & CO.'S, No. 3 Union square.

Everdell's, 302 Broadway.—Elegant New Year's, wedding and ball cards, elegant boxes of note paper for presents.

Alkethrepta is a New and Pure Preparation of chocolate. Sold by all grocers. Samples free.

Wm. Everdell's Sons, No. 104 Fulton st. Established 1815. No branch offices. Card Engravers, Label and Job Printers, Stationers, &c.

The crowning success of the season is the holiday style of hats for gentlemen, manufactured by ESPENSCHEID, No. 118 Nassau st.

Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry is the best remedy for coughs and colds. Try it! 50c. and $1.

MARRIED.

VANDEWATER—SANDERS.—On Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1875, at the residence of the bride's parents, Flushing, Long Island, by Rev. J. Carpenter Smith, S. T. D. C. LIVINGSTON E VANDEWATER to NELLIE M., daughter of Richard Sanders, Esq., all of Flushing.

DIED.

BENNET.—On Sunday, Dec. 19, at the residence of her son, John W. Stiles, Harlem, ELIZABETH, relict of Major Andrew H. Bennet, in the 86th year of her age.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral from the Holy Trinity Church, Harlem, corner 125th st. and 5th av., on Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 11 A. M. Train leaves 42d st. at 10:20.

BIGELOW.—At Great Barrington, Mass., on Tuesday, 20th inst., Mrs. JUDITH STOUGHTENBURG BIGELOW, in her 75th year.

Funeral on Friday, 24th inst., at 2:30 P. M., from St. James' Church, Great Barrington.

COBB.—On Monday, Dec. 20, Miss SARAH B. COBB, in the 69th year of her age.

The relatives and friends and members of the First Baptist Church are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of her sister, Mrs. Goervey, No. 109 Macdougal st., on Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

COTTON.—In Brooklyn, on Monday, Dec. 20, RICHARD ELLIOTT, infant son of Charles H. and Hattie S. Cotton.

The remains will be interred in Green-Wood.

DOUGHTY.—On the 21st inst., AUGUSTUS DURKEE, only son of Dr. F. E. and Hannah M. Doughty, aged 8 months 19 days.

Notice of funeral to-morrow.

☞ Troy, N. Y., papers please copy.

FERGUSON.—On Tuesday morning, Dec. 21, SAMUEL FERGUSON, youngest son of Maria and the late James S. Ferguson.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral at the residence of his uncle, John Brower, West 108th st. and Boulevard, on Thursday, Dec. 23, at 11 o'clock A. M.

FORMAN.—Dec. 20, in Matteawan, N. Y., ELIZABETH H., widow of the late Lawrence S. Forman.

Funeral from her late residence on Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 11 A. M.

HOLMES.—Suddenly, at Greenwich, Conn., on Dec. 21, 1875, PHILIP W., child of Philip W. and Ida M. Holmes, aged 3 years and 5 months.

Funeral from the residence of his parents on Thursday, Dec. 23, at 1:30 P. M. Train leaves New-Haven depot at 12 M.

HARRIS.—On Monday, Dec. 20, ESTHER LEGGETT, widow of the late Isaac Harris, in the 82d year of her age.

Funeral services at her late residence, No. 45 Charlton st., on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. The remains will be taken to Sing Sing.

☞ Brooklyn papers please copy.

HECHT.—On Monday, Dec. 20, MYRON, aged 7 years, 2 months, and 20 days, beloved son of Bernard and Sophie Hecht.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, from No. 38 West 51st st.

☞ Baltimore papers please copy.

HULL.—At Newton, N. J., on Sunday, Dec. 19, DAVID THOMPSON, only child of David R. and Juliana T. Hull, aged 7 months.

Funeral from the residence of his parents, on Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 3 P. M.

MEGINLEY.—At her residence, Dec. 15, HARRIETTE LIPTEN, widow of Neal Meginley, and daughter of the late Henry Purcell, of Baltimore, Md.

☞ Baltimore (Md.) and Purcellville (West Va.) papers please copy.

OSTRANDER.—At Harlem, Dec. 20, WILLIE LEA, son of Rev. J. Ostrander, aged 13 years.

Relatives and friends invited to attend funeral services at his father's residence, No. 19 West 123d st., near 6th av., on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

O'NEILL.—On Monday, Dec. 20, ELIZABETH O'NEILL, in the 65th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on Thursday, Dec. 23, at 1 o'clock P. M., from her late residence, No. 247 East 52d st.

PALMER.—At Versailles, France, on the 18th inst., ELISE TEMPLE PALMER, formerly of this City, in the 62d year of her age.

PHILLIPS.—Suddenly, in Brooklyn, Monday, Dec. 20, JOHN PHILLIPS, in the 83d year of his age.

The friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, No. 159 Elliott place, on Thursday afternoon, the 23d inst., at 2 o'clock.

PURDY.—On Monday, the 20th inst., of consumption, ROE, son of Melinda R. and the late Augustus Purdy, in the 21st year of his age.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of Mr. Edward E. Van Raust, No. 131 East 16th st., on Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 3:30 P. M. The remains will be taken to White Plains on Thursday, the 23d inst., on the 10:05 A. M. train, Harlem Railroad, returning at 2:10.

SMITH.—In this City, on Tuesday morning, Dec. 21, ex-Police Sergt. ZEPHANIAH C. SMITH.

The relatives and friends of the family, the members of Polar Star Lodge, No. 245, F. and A. M. and members of Police Department, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral service at the Second Street M. E. Church, between Avenues C and D, on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The remains will be interred at Smithtown, Long Island, on Friday.

POLAR STAR LODGE, No. 245, F. AND A. M.—BRETHREN: You are hereby summoned to attend a special communication at the Lodge room, on Thursday, at 2 o'clock P. M., sharp, to attend the funeral service of our late worthy brother, Zephaniah C. Smith.

GUY CULGIN, Master.

MALCOLM STEWART, Secretary.

STEPHENSON.—On Monday, Dec. 20, JOHN BRIANT STEPHENSON, aged 58 years and 4 months.

Services will be held at No. 434 5th av., this afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Remains will be taken to Boston for interment.

WILSON.—At Nottingham, England, Dec. 2, 1875, JAMES WILSON, Esq., senior member of the firm of Wilson & Sons, hosiery manufacturers, deeply regretted.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

ART SALES!

THIS WEEK!

GEORGE A. LEAVITT & CO.

THIS (Wednesday) MORNING at 10 o'clock, at the Art Rooms, No. 817 Broadway. Also, TO-MORROW (Thursday) at same hour.

GREAT SALES OF ELEGANT HOLIDAY GOODS!

A large collection of JAPANESE LACQUER ware and elegant Vases, (some cost to import $500 per pair;) also a choice assortment of Bronzes, Clocks, Porcelain and Sevres Ware, Bisque, Jardinieres, Pedestals, &c.

TO DEALERS!

This sale contains a large assortment of fine Lacquer Work, just received direct from Japan, comprising very large quantities, and nearly one hundred varieties, of the work of that country.

Beautiful Goods—Plates—Cups—Saucers—Puff Boxes—Glove Boxes—Sets of Trays, round, oval, square—Nests of Boxes—Writing Boxes—Cigar Cases—Pictures—Fans—Bread Trays—Card Trays—Saki Cups, in black, brown, gold, &c., in large quantities, from 10 to 200 of each; also some 200 elegant imported perfumed French Hose and Handkerchiefs, &c.

Elegant Japanese Dinner Sets, &c.

THIS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

at 2:30 o'clock, at the Clinton Hall Salerooms. Also, TO-MORROW, (Thursday,) at same hour, now on exhibition,

ORIENTAL WARES AND ANTIQUITIES.

Elegant Holiday Goods, &c., &c.

ART IN FURNITURE!

WEDNESDAY EVENING at quarter to 8 o'clock, at the Clinton Hall Salerooms, now on exhibition.

ELEGANT AND ARTISTIC FURNITURE,

from the celebrated makers,

HERTER & BROTHERS, No. 877 Broadway, all first-class, and comprising a number of parlor suits in rosewood and satin, rosewood and gilt, &c.; dining, hall, arm, and library chairs, centre tables, pedestals, superb cabinets in rosewood and gilt, library suits, wardrobes, elegant bed-room suits, sideboards, Renaissance style, dressing bureaus, bronze chandeliers, cabinet in ebony and gilt, Renaissance, &c.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON at 3 o'clock, at the Art Rooms, No. 817 Broadway, and now on exhibition,

FINE JEWELRY

in great variety, from one of the first and most reliable manufacturing houses in this City, comprising Etruscan, Onyx, Cameo, Turquoise, Garnet, and Coral Sets; also Bracelets, Rings, Watches, Brooches, Studs, &c., &c.

THURSDAY and FRIDAY EVENINGS, at the Art Rooms, No. 817 Broadway, at 8 o'clock, and now on exhibition,

FINE MODERN PAINTINGS,

from private collection, sold to close consignments and advances.

This sale affords an excellent opportunity to purchase good paintings at low prices. Among them will be found examples of David Johnson, George Innes, Ch. Sell, Krause, Vogel, W. M. Davis, C. P. Ream, T. L. Smith. Fine pictures by Gignoux and Jerome Thompson, Durand, Brevoort, De Leuw, Kimmel, M. A. Koekkoek, Van Os, A. Schmidt, and more than one hundred others, including the celebrated paintings by Sunaert, (the widow of John of Barneveld asking from Prince Maurice pardon for her son.)

All the above are now on exhibition day and evening, and sold without reserve.

The Messrs. LEAVITT, Auctioneers.

LINEN COLLARS AND CUFFS.

NEW AND NOBBY STYLES.

AT WARD'S SHIRT STORES,

NO. 381 BROADWAY, CORNER WHITE ST.

NO. 862 BROADWAY, CORNER 14TH ST.

NO. 1,121 BROADWAY, CORNER 25TH ST.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR POOR CHILDREN.

A Winter of business depression is a hard one for the children of the poor. The father is out of work, and the children find "hunger watching at the door." Families are broken up by want of employment, and the little ones sent out on the street to beg or steal.

This Winter hundreds of poor children come through the cold and the Winter's storm to our schools without shoes. Hundreds more creep from their boxes and cellars to our lodging-houses, ragged, barefooted, and hungry. Our citizens will see them shivering and wet in the storm, or crouching under shelter, or silently and piteously asking aid by their misery and homelessness.

The Christmas season should bring a brief happiness even to the most outcast and miserable; and in memory of what One has given to the world, those who have should give to those who have not. We earnestly call upon the well-off and fortunate to do something this year which shall make the Christmas time the happiest of their lives to the poor and houseless children.

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THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

At the Exchange yesterday, Tuesday, Dec. 21, under a Supreme Court foreclosure order, Elliot Sandford, Esq., Referee, James M. Miller sold one lot, 24 by 98.9, with a portion of the building thereon, known as the Morning Star Mission, on West Twenty-sixth street, north side, 120 feet east of Seventh avenue, for $11,100, to John Keys, second mortgagee. Under a similar court order, Martin L. Townsend, Esq., Referee, R. V. Harnett disposed of one four-story brick house (with stores) and lot 25.10 by 100, No. 215 Avenue A, west side, 51.8 feet north of Thirteenth street, for $10,100. A. H. Nicolay & Son sold, by order of the Executors of the estate of Robert H. Perkins, deceased, one two-story and basement brown-stone French flat house, with lot 20 by 102.2, No. 345 East Eighty-fourth street, north side, 160 feet west of First avenue, for $9,150, to Robert J. Houghton. No other sales were made, the following being postponed: Sales by E. A. Lawrence & Co. of a house and lot on East Forty-third street, west of Second avenue, and the property situated on Prescott avenue and Nichols place, a portion of the Dyckman estate, adjourned to Jan. 5, and sale by R. V. Harnett of the premises Nos. 130 and 130½ Mulberry street, corner of Hester street, adjourned to the above date.

TO-DAY'S AUCTIONS.

To-day's sales, all at the Exchange, are as follows:

By A. H. Muller & Son, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, John A. Goodlett, Esq., Referee, of house and lot, 23.9 by 50, on Broome street, south-east corner of Thompson street. Also, a similar sale, Frank Rudd, Esq., Referee, of two lots, each 25 by 100.5, on East Fifty-fourth street, south side, 75 feet west of First avenue.

By James M. Miller, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, A. H. Wallis, Esq., Referee, of the building, with lot 25 by 80, on Third avenue, west side, 25 feet south of One Hundred and Fourth street.

By D. M. Seaman, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, E. Patterson, Esq., Referee, of building, with lot 20 by 98.9, on West Twenty-sixth street, north side, 100 feet east of Seventh avenue.

By R. J. Garrettson, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Frank Thompson, Esq., Referee, of the plot of land, 33.4 by 100.11 by 55.6 by 103.6, on East One Hundred and Seventeenth street, south side, 385 feet west of Third avenue.

By George H. Scott, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Granville P. Hawes, Esq., Referee, of one lot, 24.11 by 110, on Fifth avenue, north-east corner One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street.

By E. H. Ludlow & Co., Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Murray Hoffman, Esq., Referee, of house and lot, 18.7 by 100.5, No. 214 West Forty-sixth street, south side, 216.4 feet west of Broadway.

By William Kennelly, foreclosure sale, by order of the Court of Common Pleas, R. B. Roosevelt, Esq., Referee, of house, with lot 20 by 100.11, on East One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, north side, 247 feet west of Second avenue.

By R. V. Harnett, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, Frank Rudd, Esq., Referee, of building, with lot 29.6 by 54, No. 141 Cedar street, north side, 40.4 feet east of Washington street. Also, a similar sale, William Sinclair, Esq., Referee, of building and lot, 20.7 by 100.5, on East Fifty-third street, south side, 47.9 feet east of Madison avenue; also, a similar sale, Hanson C. Gibson, Esq., Referee, of house and lot, 24.8 by 100, No. 169 Madison avenue, north-east corner of Sixty-third street. Also, a similar sale, H. B. Beckman, Esq., Referee, of one house, with lot 25.9 by 100, on Fifth avenue, west side, about 78 feet north of Thirteenth street, and one lot, 25 by 103.3, with improvements, on West Thirteenth street, north side, 100 feet west of Fifth avenue.

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COOK, &c.—BY A COMPETENT NEW-ENGLAND girl with three years' reference, to cook, wash, and iron; has been taught to work carefully; understands thoroughly all kinds of home cakes, pies, bread, &c.; City or country. Apply at No. 109 6th av., up stairs, over shoe store.

COOK.—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN AS A1 family cook; makes all kinds of nice soups, roasts, brown gravies, &c.; also pastry, creams, ices, &c.; bones and lards, and can do French cooking; unexceptionable City reference. Apply at Odell's Agency, No. 109 West 24th st., corner of Broadway.

COOK, WASHER, AND IRONER.—BY A strong young woman as good family cook; makes excellent bread and biscuit, soups, desserts, &c., and is also a first-class washer and ironer; can furnish an unexceptionable City reference. Apply at Odell's Agency, No. 109 West 24th st., corner of Broadway.

COOK, &c.—BY A NORTH OF IRELAND PROTESTANT woman, who is a good cook in every branch; is a good meat cook, also excellent baker and pastry cook; will assist with washing and ironing if required; has good recommendations. Call at Carpenter's, No. 108 6th av., near 9th st.

COOK, WASHER, AND IRONER.—BY A RESPECTABLE young woman as good plain cook, washer and ironer; understands bread and biscuit baking; City or country; City reference. Address W. E., Box No. 306 TIMES UP-TOWN OFFICE, NO. 1,257 BROADWAY.

COOK, WASHER, AND IRONER.—BY A RESPECTABLE girl, willing to work and experienced in good family cooking; can wash and iron nicely. Can be engaged at No. 602 6th av., between 35th and 36th sts., first floor.

COOK, &c.—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG WOMAN as first-class cook; understands her business thoroughly; is an excellent baker; no objection to a little family washing; will be found reliable; long, satisfactory City reference. Call at No. 109 West 41st st.

COOK AND HOUSE-WORK.—BY GERMAN girls for City or country; used to all kinds of housework, washing and ironing, &c. Can be seen at the Protestant Home Bureau, 188 6th av., above 10th st.

COOK.—AS FIRST-CLASS COOK, BY A RESPECTABLE girl; willing and obliging; understands milk and butter; City or country. Call for two days, No. 234 West 28th st., second floor, back.

COOK.—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN AS GOOD family cook; is neat, sober, and honest; she will furnish the best City reference. Can be seen at No. 458 4th av., near 31st st.

COOK, WASHER, AND IRONER.—BY A RESPECTABLE woman as good plain cook, washer, and ironer; best City reference from last place. Call at No. 127 West 19th st.

COOK, &c.—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN AS an excellent cook; is a first-class laundress; good City reference. Call for two days at No. 305 West [illegible] st.

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FEMALES.

COOK—CHAMBER-MAID.—BY TWO YOUNG women; one as cook, the other as chamber-maid and waitress; would go together or separately; excellent City references. Call at No. 109 West 41st st.

COOK, &c.—BY A NORTH OF IRELAND PROTESTANT woman to cook, wash, and iron, or would do general house-work in a small family; no objection to the country. Call at No. 109 West 41st st.

COOK.—BY A SCOTCH PROTESTANT WOMAN AS first-class cook, likewise pastry, in hotel, boarding-house, or restaurant; no objection to the country; references. Call at No. 111 West 41st st.

COOK.—BY A FIRST-CLASS FRENCH FAMILY cook, with good City references; wages, about $20. Can be seen at No. 1,233 Broadway.

COOK.—BY A FIRST-CLASS FRENCH MALE cook in a private family; good references; French and English cooking. Address F. C. B., No. 253 7th av.

COOK.—BY A RESPECTABLE SCOTCH WOMAN as first-class cook; has good reference. Can be seen for two days at No. 207 West 18th st.

COOK.—BY A YOUNG GIRL, WELL RECOMMENDED, in a private family or boarding-house as cook; understands making pastries, puddings, &c.; will go for very moderate wages. Call at J. Morison's, corner 11th st. and 6th av.; don't go in the wrong place.

COOK OR LAUNDRESS.—BY A NEAT COLORED woman as first-class cook or first-class laundress, or to assist with the chamber-work; good references. Call for two days at No. 507 6th av., top floor, front room.

COOK.—BY A YOUNG SWEDISH GIRL; A VERY good cook; coarse washer; has the best testimonials as a neat, willing, and competent girl. Can be seen to-day at the Swedish Servants' Office, No. 108 East 27th st., over Russian Baths.

COOK.—BY A SWEDISH YOUNG WOMAN, HIGHLY recommended for competency, neatness, and a good, moral character; is economical and a first-class servant. Can be seen to-day at the Swedish Servants' Office, No. 108 East 27th st., over Russian Baths.

COOK—CHAMBER-MAID AND WAITRESS.—By two young women; one as cook, the other as chamber-maid and waitress; would go together or separately; excellent City reference. Call at No. 109 West 41st st.

COOK, WASHER, AND IRONER.—BY A North of Ireland Protestant woman to cook, wash, and iron, or would do general house-work in a small family; no objection to the country. Call at No. 109 West 41st st.

COOK.—BY A YOUNG WOMAN AS FIRST-RATE cook; good baker; desserts; will assist with washing; good City reference. Call at No. 127 West 19th st., second floor.

COOK.—BY A FIRST-CLASS ENGLISH COOK, who thoroughly understands dishing up dinners for parties, &c.; wishes to engage herself by the day. Mrs. W., No. 308 East 31st st.

COOK, WASHER, AND IRONER.—BY A COMPETENT American woman; City or country; City reference. Call at No. 366 6th av., near 23d st.

COOK.—BY A FIRST-CLASS COOK; (COLORED;) does not wash nor iron. Apply at No. 670 6th av.

HOUSE-WORK.—BY A WILLING SWEDISH young girl, who is a good cook; makes good bread and biscuit; is also a good washer and ironer, and willing to make herself generally useful; has good recommendations; City or country. Call at No. 366 6th av., near 23d st.

HOUSE-WORK.—BY A FIRST-CLASS GERMAN girl to do general house-work, for City or country; has first-class City reference; is a good cook; good home in preference to high wages. Call at J. Morison's, corner 11th st. and 6th av.

HOUSE-WORK, &c.—BY AN ENGLISH YOUNG woman, just arrived; she is a good plain cook, nice washer and ironer, or general house-work; good disposition; City or country; has satisfactory references. Call at the Protestant Bureau, No. 188 6th av., above 10th st.

HOUSE-WORK.—BY A PROTESTANT GIRL TO do general house-work; wages not so much an object as a good home; good references. Call at No. 109 West 41st st.

HOUSE-WORK.—BY A RESPECTABLE GIRL AT general house-work or up-stairs work; good references from last employer; wages no object. Call at No. 260 West Houston st., top floor, front.

HOUSEWORK.—A PROTESTANT GIRL FOR general housework; wages not so much of an object as a good home; good reference. No. 109 West 41st st.

HOUSE-WORK.—BY A PROTESTANT GERMAN girl for general house-work; City or country. Call at No. 977 Bowery.

LADY'S MAID, &c.—BY A GERMAN PERSON, speaking French and English, as lady's maid or nurse for growing children; is a good seamstress and hair-dresser; City reference. Call at 233 West 41st st.

LAUNDRESS.—BY AN EXPERIENCED LAUNDRESS in a hotel, boarding-house, or restaurant, by a steady, reliable woman; is willing and obliging; has good City reference. Call or address No. 951 6th av., second floor above 53d st.

LAUNDRESS.—BY A PROTESTANT YOUNG woman as first-class laundress; understands all kinds of fine washing, French fluting, &c.; has over two years' City reference from her last place. Apply at A. Pelton & Co.'s, No. 645 6th av., near 38th st.

LAUNDRESS.—BY A YOUNG SCOTCH WOMAN, lately landed, as laundress; can do up laces, also fluting. Call at No. 109 West 41st st.

LAUNDRESS.—AS FIRST-CLASS LAUNDRESS; understands fluting; best of City reference. Call at No. 248 West 30th st., second floor, front room.

LAUNDRESS.—BY A VERY RESPECTABLE COLORED woman as laundress in a private family or boarding-house; thoroughly understands her business, and is willing to make herself generally useful. Can be seen at No. 649 6th av., second floor.

LAUNDRESS.—BY A SCOTCH WOMAN AS LAUNDRESS; can do up all kinds of laces; can do fluting; excellent city reference. No. 109 West 41st st.

LAUNDRESS AND CHAMBER-MAID.—BY A respectable girl; is a good worker; a splendid washer. Can be engaged at No. 602 6th av., between 35th and 36th sts., first floor.

NURSE.—BY A YOUNG PROTESTANT FRENCH girl as nurse or seamstress; has first-class reference, and will go for low wages; can speak, read, and write French fluently. Call at J. Morison's, corner 11th st. and 6th av. Please notice name and address.

NURSE.—BY A YOUNG ENGLISH PROTESTANT girl as nurse in a private family. Call or address No. 121 West 33d st.

NURSE.—BY A YOUNG AMERICAN GIRL AS nurse; would like to go South, or to California; unexceptionable references. Call at No. 109 West 41st st.

NURSE.—BY A FRENCH NURSE LATELY ARRIVED in the country, served in that capacity in Europe, and can furnish the best references; wants to be familiar with the language. Can be seen at No. 458 4th av., near 31st st.

NURSE.—BY A YOUNG AMERICAN GIRL AS nurse; would like to travel; to go South or to California; unexceptionable reference. Call at No. 109 West 41st st.

NURSE.—BY A YOUNG PROTESTANT FRENCH person as nurse to growing children; good City reference. Apply at 1,233 Broadway, French Office.

WAITRESS.—BY A RESPECTABLE GIRL AS first-class waitress; understands the care of silver and salads perfectly; is neat and tidy; has five years' City reference from her last place. Apply at A. Pelton & Co.'s, No. 645 6th av.

WAITRESS AND CHAMBER-MAID.—BY A neat and competent young girl as waitress and chamber-maid; two years' City references. Address Bessie, Box No. 306 TIMES UP-TOWN OFFICE, NO. 1,257 BROADWAY.

WAITRESS.—BY A FIRST-CLASS WAITRESS, capable of taking the place of a man; very smart, tidy, of good appearance; she will furnish very best references. Can be seen at No. 458 4th av., near 31st st.

WASHING.—A RESPECTABLE WOMAN SOLICITS washing and ironing at her own home, or will go out by the day; satisfactory references. Call at No. 234 West 28th st.

MALES.

A BANKER'S CASHIER, WELL ACQUAINTED with the business, and speaking French, desires a position from Jan. 1, when present engagement expires; best of references from employers and others. Address W. A. CARE, Box No. 155 Times Office.

COACHMAN, &c.—BY A YOUNG COLORED MAN as coachman; [illegible] understands the business; [illegible]. Address No. 509 6th av., in shoe store.

COACHMAN AND GROOM.—BY A COMPETENT man as coachman and groom; eight years' best City reference; ten years from England. Apply at No. 1 [illegible].

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ARE OFFERING EXTRAORDINARY
BARGAINS
IN BRONZES, BOHEMIAN VASES,
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Have OPENED a LARGE INVOICE of
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Have JUST RECEIVED and OPENED ONE CASE OF
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IN CACHEMIRE LACE BOWS AND TIES,
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POINT GAZE AND APPLIQUE LACE,
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ELEGANT FLOUNCES, DRESSES, AND AN
IMMENSE STOCK OF TRIMMING LACES,
INCLUDING THE POPULAR DUCHESSE LACES
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ONE CASE OF
CHILDREN'S WALKING COATS,
VERY CHOICE.

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SEAL SKIN AND ASTRACHANS,
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WATER-PROOFS, All Shades.

Broadway, cor. 20th street, N. Y.
Only one block west of Fourth Avenue.
Grand street, cor. Chrystie, N. Y.
One block east of Bowery.

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MALES.

COACHMAN.—BY A PROTESTANT MAN AS coachman; has no objection to the country; understands his business thoroughly, having had long experience in this and the old country; satisfactory reference given. For full particulars call or address J. R., No. 91 East 83d st.

COACHMAN.—BY A FIRST-CLASS COLORED coachman; thoroughly understands his business; careful driver; willing to be generally useful; reference from last employer; moderate wages. Call or address E. D., No. 115 West 33d st., private stable.

COACHMAN.—BY A GENTLEMAN FOR HIS coachman, who has been in his employ for six years; he is a thorough horseman; I will give all satisfaction to any one that will call on me. Address D. S. L., Box No. 251 Times Office.

COACHMAN.—BY A RESPECTABLE PROTESTANT young married man as coachman, who thoroughly understands the care and proper treatment of a horse and carriages; has six years' City reference from last employer. Call or address No. 911 4th av.

COACHMAN AND GROOM.—BY AN EXCELLENT man; is a first-class in every respect, and is willing and obliging; City or country; five years' best City reference. Address for three days J. M., Box No. 324 TIMES UP-TOWN OFFICE, NO. 1,257 BROADWAY.

COACHMAN.—BY A RESPECTABLE MAN; THOROUGHLY competent; is a first-class groom and a careful City driver; will be found willing and obliging; best City references. Address Robert, Box No. 304 TIMES UP-TOWN OFFICE, NO. 1,257 BROADWAY.

COACHMAN.—BY A GENTLEMAN FOR HIS coachman, who has lived with him over ten years. Apply at No. 8 Cliff st., for two days.

COACHMAN AND GROOM.—BY A SINGLE man; understands care and management of horses; is a careful City driver, strictly temperate, willing and obliging; understands hot air and steam furnaces; best City reference given from present employer. Address T. G., Box No. 226 Times Office.

COACHMAN AND GROOM.—BY A SINGLE man who thoroughly understands the proper care and treatment of horses and carriages; excellent driver; obliging and willing to be useful; best City and country reference. Call or address L. K., No. 47 East 59th st.

COACHMAN.—BY A RESPECTABLE MAN; IS A good City and country driver; is a first-class groom; no objection to the country; salary no object; five years' good reference. Call at Brewster & Co.'s, No. 54 6th av., for two days.

COACHMAN OR GROOM.—BY A YOUNG MAN, Protestant; understands his business; can milk, tend furnace, and willing to make himself useful; low wages; best City reference. Address [illegible], Box No. 328 TIMES UP-TOWN OFFICE, NO. 1,257 BROADWAY.

GROOM.—BY A THOROUGH FIRST-CLASS GROOM; honest, sober, and industrious; understands his business in every particular; is willing to make himself generally useful; two years' best City reference from last place. Call or address Groom, No. 127 West 19th st.

NURSE.—AN ENGLISHMAN, ACCUSTOMED TO traveling, desires a position with a family going South or to Europe; would take care of an invalid gentleman; references. Address A. D. C., Box No. [illegible] TIMES UP-TOWN OFFICE, NO. 1,257 BROADWAY.

VALET AND NURSE.—BY AN EXPERIENCED Englishman; doctors' certificate; highest City references. Address H., Box No. 300 TIMES UP-TOWN OFFICE, NO. 1,257 BROADWAY.

WAITER.—BY A YOUNG MAN AS FIRST-CLASS waiter in a private family; thoroughly understands his business in all its branches; best City references. Address J. W., Box No. 277 TIMES UP-TOWN OFFICE, NO. 1,257 BROADWAY.

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IMPORTED ENGLISH SHOES FOR GENTLEMEN,
All kinds of
BOOTS AND SHOES AT REDUCED PRICES.

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"[illegible]" strong serviceable shoes for boys.	
Ladies' Rubbers	50

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LADIES'
SUITS AND OVERDRESSES

CASHMERE and SILK COSTUMES, from $25 to $65.

PLAID CAMEL HAIR CLOTH OVERDRESS, with feather trimming and SILK SKIRT, from $30 to $45.

BLACK SILK SUITS at $40, $50, $55, and $65.

FINER GOODS IN RICH MATERIAL, AND HANDSOMELY TRIMMED, AT $105 AND UPWARD.

Colored SILK SUITS, at $50, $65, $73, $78, and very stylish at $83.

POLONAISES closing out from $3 50 to $20.

CAMEL HAIR CLOTH JACKETS and overskirts from $8 to $25.

LADIES' PLAID all wool FLANNEL WRAPPERS, Silk and Satin trimmed, at $6 50.

The same with Robe front at $9 75.

PLAIN OPERA FLANNEL WRAPPERS, Satin Robe front, at $8 75.

SAME SILK AND SATIN TRIMMED, at $6 50 to $8 50.

BLACK AND COLORED CASHMERE WRAPPER, Silk trimmed, at $8 50, and Robe front, $11.

BLACK ALPACA WRAPPER, Silk trimmed, at $4 35.

A few imported Jackets and Overskirts at less than half original cost.

CHILDREN'S SUITS IN GREAT VARIETY OF MATERIAL AND STYLE, TASTEFULLY MADE, AT PROPORTIONATELY LOW PRICES.

LADIES' CLOAKS AND SACQUES in plain beavers and rough cloths, warm and comfortable garments, in handsome styles, at $5, $8, $9, $10, $12, $15 to $20.

CHEAPER THAN EVER BEFORE OFFERED.

Also, handsomely trimmed Cloaks from $20 upward.

Elegant VELVET CLOAKS from $45 upward.

CHILDREN'S CLOAKS reduced to $4 25, $5 75, $7, $8, $9, $10, and $12.

DRESS PATTERNS,

in handsome styles and desirable fabrics, cut in dress lengths, for HOLIDAY PRESENTS. Twelve yards for $2, $2 40, $3, $3 60, and $4 50.

Fast-color AMERICAN PRINTS, twelve yards for 75c.

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FURS! FURS!

Fur-lined SILK SACQUES, very elegant, at $50, $65, and $75.

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ELEGANT SEAL SACQUES at $90, $100, $110, and $125.

SEAL SETS, MUFF and BOA, at $18, $20, and $25.

SEAL CAPS, beautiful goods, at $6 to $15.

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FULL LINES OF LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S FURS IN ALL THE DESIRABLE KINDS, OF THE VERY BEST MATERIALS AND MAKES, AT SUCH REDUCTIONS IN PRICES AS WILL COMMEND THEM AT ONCE TO THOSE DESIRING TO PURCHASE, AFFORDING AN UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY PRESENTS AT A LITTLE EXPENSE,

ALL MADE EXPRESSLY
FOR OUR HOLIDAY TRADE.

FUR TRIMMINGS of ALL KINDS from 50c. to $12 per yard.

Grand street, cor. Chrystie, N. Y.
One block east of Bowery.
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Only one block west of 4th avenue.

DIVIDENDS.

NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY,
NOS. 261 AND 263 BROADWAY.
New-York, Dec. 2, 1875.

At a regular meeting of the Trustees of the National Trust Company, held this day, the regular Semi-annual Dividend of Four (4) per Cent. was declared from the earnings of the last six months, payable on and after Jan. 3 proximo.

Transfer-books will be closed from Dec. 20.
J. C. CRUIKSHANK, Secretary.

New-York, Dec. 9, 1875.
Office Hamilton Fire Insurance Company,
11 Wall st.

THE REGULAR SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of Five per Cent., also an Extra Dividend of Five per Cent., is this day declared, payable on and after Jan. 1, 1876. Transfer-books closed from 20th inst. to Jan. 3, 1876, inclusive. D. D. LEEDS, Secretary.

BOWERY SAVINGS BANK,
New-York, Dec. 14, 1875.

A semi-annual dividend at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum on all sums of $5 and upward and not exceeding $3,000, and of FIVE PER CENT. per annum on all sums over $3,000, which shall have been deposited at least three months on the 1st day of January next, will be allowed to the depositors, and will be payable on or after MONDAY, Jan. 17, 1876, in accordance with the provisions of the By-laws. By order of the Trustees.
SAMUEL T. BROWN, President.
G. H. COGGESHALL, Secretary.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.—A Dividend of Two per Cent. on the capital stock of the Union Pacific Railroad Company will be paid on and after Jan. 1, 1876, to stockholders of record Dec. 20.

New-York stockholders will be paid at the office of the Union Trust Company, New-York, and Boston stockholders at the office of the company, No. 44 Equitable Building.

The stock books will be closed Dec. 20, and reopened Jan. 3. E. H. ROLLINS, Treasurer.
Boston, Dec. 8, 1875.

NORTH RIVER SAVINGS BANK,
CORNER 8TH AV. AND WEST 34TH ST.

DIVIDEND.—The Board of Trustees have declared a SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND at the rate of six per cent. per annum on all sums from $5 to $5,000, payable out of the net profits of the last six months, on and after Jan. 17, 1876. BANK open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, and SATURDAY EVENINGS from 6 to 8 o'clock. JOHN HOOPER, President.
JAMES O. BENNETT, Secretary.

The Hanover National Bank
of the City of New-York,
New-York, Dec. 21, 1875.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a Dividend of Three per Cent., free of taxes, payable on the 3d of January next. The transfer-books will remain closed from this date until the 3d proximo. GEO. W. PERKINS, Cashier.

Merchants' Exchange National Bank of the
City of New-York, Dec. 17, 1875.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a dividend of Four (4) per cent., payable, free of tax, on and after the third day of January next, until which date the transfer books will remain closed. A. S. APGAR, Cashier.

The Importers' and Traders' National Bank
of New-York, New-York, Dec. 18, 1875.

A DIVIDEND OF SEVEN PER CENT. OUT of the earnings of the last six months, free of all taxes, has this day been declared by this bank, payable on the 1st day of January next. The transfer-books will remain closed from the 20th inst. to the 1st prox. E. H. PERKINS, Jr., Cashier.

OFFICE CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND AND PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.—Holders of coupons due Jan. 1, 1876, can send them in for examination, and drafts in payment will be ready for delivery on the morning of the 31st inst. for all coupons received on or before the 30th.
FRANCIS H. TOWS, Treasurer.

Office of Wells, Fargo & Co.,
No. 65 Broadway, New-York, Dec. 17, 1875.

THE REGULAR SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of FOUR PER CENT. has been declared by the Directors of this company, payable Jan. 15, 1876, at our office as above.

The transfer-books will be closed Jan. 5 at 3 P. M., and reopened Jan. 17.
THEO. F. WOOD, Assistant Secretary.

State of Illinois,
Treasurer's Office, Dec. 1, 1875.

THE INTEREST ON ILLINOIS STATE bonds due the first Monday of January, 1876, will be paid at the American Exchange National Bank, New-York City, from the 3d to the 10th of January, inclusive.
THOS. S. RIDGWAY,
State Treasurer.

Office of St. Louis, Kansas City and
Northern Railway Company,
St. Louis, Dec. 20, 1875.

NOTICE.—THE COUPONS DUE 1ST PROXIMO of the North Missouri Railroad first mortgage bonds will be paid at the National Bank of Commerce in New-York, on and after 3d January, 1876.
B. W. LEWIS, Jr., President.

THE ORIENTAL BANK.
WASHINGTON A. HALL, President. HENRY T. CHAPMAN, Jr., Cashier.

The usual Semi-annual Dividend of six per Cent. has this day been declared, payable Jan. 3, 1876.
New-York, Dec. 15, 1875.

DRY GOODS. DRY GOODS.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Initial Handkerchiefs,
Rich Fans and Fancy Goods,
Antique Tidies and Toilet Sets,
Lace and Muslin Trimmed Articles,
Ribbons, Velvets, &c

AT ATTRACTIVE PRICES.

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WILL CONTINUE THE SALE OF
BLACK CASHMERE SILKS
AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.
FORMER PRICE $2 50, NOW $2.
FORMER PRICE $2, NOW $1 50.
BLACK SILKS AT $1, WORTH $1 25.
ALSO,
Full lines of COLORED SILKS, at $1, $1 25, and $1 50 to $4 per yard.

FRENCH, GERMAN, AND AMERICAN
CAMEL'S HAIR CLOTH
AND OTHER
DRESS GOODS
AT PRICES LOWER THAN EVER.

45-inch CAMEL'S HAIR CLOTH at 75c., reduced from $1.

45-inch CAMEL'S HAIR CLOTH at $1, reduced from $1 50.

45-inch KNICKERBOCKER SUITING at $1 25, $1 50, and $1 75.

48-inch KNICKERBOCKER PLAID at $1 25, $1 50, and $2.

42-inch Plaid CAMEL'S HAIR CLOTH at 75c. and $1.

45-inch Plain CAMEL'S HAIR CLOTH, in all shades, from $1 to $2 50.

100 pieces small figure CASHMERE REPS at 18c.

200 pieces rich patterns CASHMERE REPS at 20c.

500 pieces Alpaca in all colors at 25c., worth 50c.

100 pieces mixed MOHAIRS at 25c., worth 37 1-2c.

200 pieces English SERGES at 25c., worth 50c.

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in handsome styles and desirable fabrics, cut in dress lengths, for HOLIDAY PRESENTS. Twelve yards for $2, $2 40, $3, $3 60, and $4 50.

Fast-color AMERICAN PRINTS, twelve yards for 75c.

COCHECO PRINTS, twelve yards for $1.

Broadway, cor. 20th street, N. Y.
Only one block west of Fourth avenue.
Grand street, cor. Chrystie, N. Y.
One block east of Bowery.

DIVIDENDS.

The Bank of New-York,
National Banking Association,
New-York, Dec. 15, 1875.

COUPONS DUE JAN. 1, 1876, ON THE deficiency and funding debt bonds of the State of Texas will be paid at this bank. Pension bonds will be paid at the office of the State Treasurer at Austin, Texas. S. B. FERRIS, Cashier.

Market National Bank,
New-York, Dec. 21, 1875.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE THIS day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Four per Cent., payable to stockholders on and after Jan. 3, 1876. The transfer-books will remain closed until that date. A. GILBERT, Cashier.

COUPONS OF THE OHIO AND MISSISSIPPI Railway Company, second mortgage (Western Division) bonds, and consolidated mortgage bonds, and consolidated mortgage sinking fund bonds, due Jan. 1, 1876, will be paid at the office of the company, No. 52 William st., New-York. W. M. WALTON, Secretary.

Irving National Bank,
New-York, Dec. 16, 1875.

A DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT., FREE of tax, has this day been declared, payable Jan. 3, 1876, until which date the transfer-books will remain closed. J. L. JEWETT, Jr., Cashier.

New-York, Dec. 18, 1875.

EAST RIVER NATIONAL BANK. DIVIDEND.—A dividend of four (4) per cent., free from tax, has been declared from the profits of the last six months, payable on and after Jan. 3, 1876.
S. E. NEWELL, Cashier.

The National Park Bank,
New-York, Dec. 21, 1875.

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER Cent. has this day been declared, payable Jan. 3, 1876. The transfer-books will remain closed until that date. J. L. WORTH, Cashier.

The National Citizens' Bank,
New-York, Dec. 21, 1875.

A DIVIDEND OF FOUR PER CENT. HAS been declared, payable on and after Jan. 3, 1876.
W. H. OAKLEY, Cashier.

SAVINGS BANKS.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION
NO. 96 WARREN ST., NEW-YORK.

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST ALLOWED.
Deposits made now draw interest from Jan. 1.
Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
WALTER W. CONCKLIN, President.
VANDERBILT L. BUXTON, Secretary.

EXCELSIOR SAVINGS BANK, CORNER 23D st. and 6th av., New-York.—Interest computed and compounded January and July. Interest paid, Six per Cent. Interest commences the 1st of the month next following the deposit. Bank open daily; also, Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday evenings.
JOHN E. DE WITT, Pres.
GEO. C. WALDO, Sec. H. K. THURBER, Vice Pres.

INSTITUTION FOR THE SAVINGS OF Merchants' clerks and others, No. 20 Union place, corner of East 15th st.—Dividend to Jan. 1, 1876, payable Jan. 17, 1876, at following rates per annum, viz.: six per Cent. on sums of $5, and not exceeding $1,000, and Five per Cent. on larger sums.
A. GRACIE KING, President.
ANDREW WARNER, Secretary.
Dec. 9, 1875.

SURROGATE NOTICES.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against GEORGE C. LAMB, late of the City of New-York, and residing at Whitestone, Long Island, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at his place of business in Flushing, Queens County, New-York, on or before the 7th day of April next.—Dated, New-York, the fifth day of October, 1875.
HENRY CLEMENT, Executor, &c., of George C. Lamb, deceased, Flushing.
S. H. THAYER, Proctor for Executor, No. 160 Nassau st., New-York.
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against JAMES KELLY, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at their offices, for the transaction of the business of the estate, at the office of Messrs. Martin & Smith, No. 20 Wall street, in the City of New-York, on or before the first day of February, 1876.—Dated New-York, seventeenth day of July, 1875.
GEO. W. DURR,
LAW. D. KIERNAN,
Executors of James Kelly, deceased.
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against JOHN A. STEVENS, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same with vouchers thereof to the subscriber, at his residence, No. 17 East [illegible] street, in the City of New-York, on or before the [illegible] day of January next.—Dated New-York, the sixth day of July, 1875.
WILLIAM D. RICE, Executor.
D. K. TRUE, Proctor, No. 49 Wall st.
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF ROBERT C. Hutchings, Esq., Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against [illegible], late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at the office of [illegible], No. 302 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on or before the [illegible] day of May next.—Dated New-York, the twenty-third day of November, 1875.
[illegible], Executors.
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Great Reductions
FOR THE HOLIDAYS,
IN
Mourning Goods.

LORD & TAYLOR
WILL OFFER
DURING THE HOLIDAYS,
A FULL AND COMPLETE ASSORTMENT OF MOURNING FABRICS,
AT EXTREMELY ATTRACTIVE PRICES
BLACK ALPACAS, MOHAIRS, and BRILLIANTINES, from 25c.
BARATHEAS, ARMURE, and CRAPE CLOTHS at 40c., 50c., 60c., 75c.
ENGLISH and FRENCH CASHMERES at 50c., 60c., 75c.
Also,
HENRIETTA, EMPRESS, and TAMISE CLOTHS, FRENCH and ENGLISH BOMBAZINES, MERINOES, THIBETS, SERGES, DIAGONALS, &c.,
AT THE LOWEST PRICES.
A large stock of CAMEL'S HAIR and MATELASSE CLOTHS, COURTAULD'S ENGLISH CRAPES, and CRAPE VEILS
IN ALL THE VARIOUS STYLES and QUALITIES.
Very full lines of MOURNING COLLARS, CUFFS, and SETS,
and
the largest assortment of BLACK SHAWLS at the lowest prices.

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in handsome styles and desirable fabrics, cut in dress lengths, for HOLIDAY PRESENTS. Twelve yards for $2, $2 40, $3, $3 60, and $4 50.

Fast-color American PRINTS, twelve yards for 75c.

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Broadway, cor. 20th street, N. Y.,
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One block east of Bowery.

CAMEL'S HAIR SHAWL, SQUARE, CLOTH Cloak, Set Furs, Point-lace Handkerchief, Stone Cameo Pin, set in diamonds, Set Coral, Silver Pearl Fan, all in perfect order, cheap. Address Post Office Box No. 1,431, City.

ELECTIONS.

Office of the New Central Coal Company,
Nos. 6 and 6½ Trinity Building,
New-York, Dec. 16, 1875.

AT AN ELECTION BY THE STOCKHOLDERS of the New Central Coal Company, held on the 14th inst., the following named gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year:

HARRY CONRAD, ISAAC C. KENDALL,
SAMUEL F. BARGER, GEORGE OPDYKE,
PHILO C. CALHOUN, DAVID T. HOTCHKISS,
HENRY R. KUNHARDT, HENRY L. DYER,
PELEG HALL, CHARLES M. MARSH,
RICHARD SULLIVAN.

And at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 16th inst., HARRY CONRAD was elected President; SAMUEL F. BARGER, Vice President, and PHILO C. CALHOUN, Treasurer.
WILLIAM S. JACQUES, Secretary.

Office Central Petroleum Company,
No. 42 Pine st., New-York, Dec. 15, 1875.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of the Central Petroleum Company for the election of Trustees, to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before them, will be held at the office of the company on MONDAY, Jan. 3, 1876, at noon. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.
LOUIS J. BELLONI, Jr., Secretary.

Office Hamilton Fire Insurance Company,
New-York, Dec. 20, 1875.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this company will be held at this office, No. 11 Wall st., on MONDAY, the 3d day of January next. Polls open from 12 M. till 2 P. M.
D. D. LEEDS, Secretary.

The New-York Steam Power Company,
No. 59 Ann st., New-York, Dec. 10, 1875.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this company for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, and Inspectors for the next ensuing year, will be held at their office on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 12, 1876. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.
JOHN BALLARD, Secretary.

Fourth National Bank of the City of New-York,
New-York, Dec. 10, 1875.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this Bank for election of Directors and Inspectors of Election for the ensuing year will be held at their banking-house, on TUESDAY, 11th January, 1876. Polls will open at 12 M. and close at 1 P. M.
ANTHONY LANE, Cashier.

Merchants' National Bank,
New-York, Dec. 9, 1875.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this bank for the election of eleven Directors to serve the ensuing year, will be held at the banking-house, TUESDAY, Jan. 11, 1876. Polls open from 12 M. till 1 P. M. By order of the Board.
C. R. DANTA, Cashier.

Mechanics' and Traders' National Bank,
New-York, Dec. 17, 1875.

AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF THIS bank for the ensuing year, and for three Inspectors for the next ensuing election, will be held at the banking-house, No. 190 Bowery, on TUESDAY, 11th day of January, 1876. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.
By order of the board. GEO. W. YOUNG, Cashier.

The Chatham National Bank,
New-York, Dec. 9, 1875.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR FIFTEEN Directors of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 190 Broadway, on TUESDAY, the 11th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
G. M. HARD, Cashier.

Importers' and Traders' National Bank of
New-York, New-York, Dec. 13, 1875.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this bank will be held at the banking rooms, corner of Broadway and Murray st., TUESDAY, Jan. 11, 1876. The poll will remain open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.
E. H. PERKINS, Jr., Cashier.

Mechanics' National Bank,
New-York, Dec. 8, 1875.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 33 Wall st., on TUESDAY, the 11th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 o'clock P. M.
WILLIAM H. COX, Cashier.

American Exchange National Bank,
New-York, Dec. 9, 1875.

ELECTION.—AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS will be held at the office of this bank on TUESDAY, Jan. 11, from 12 M. to 1 o'clock P. M.
E. WILLSON, Cashier.

Market National Bank,
New-York, Dec. 21, 1875.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this bank will be held at the banking-house, TUESDAY, Jan. 11, 1876, from 12 M. to 1 P. M.
A. GILBERT, Cashier.

The National Park Bank of New-York,
Dec. 11, 1875.

ELECTION.—AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS will be held at the office of this bank on TUESDAY, Jan. 11, from 12 o'clock M. to 1 o'clock P. M.
J. L. WORTH, Cashier.

SHIPPING.

CUNARD LINE B. & N. A. R. M. S. P. CO.

NOTICE.

With the view of diminishing the chances of collision, the steamers of this line take a specified course for all seasons of the year.

On the outward passage from Queenstown to New-York or Boston, crossing meridian of 50 at 43 latitude, or nothing to the north of 43.

On the homeward passage, crossing the meridian of 50 at 42, or nothing to the north of 42.

FROM NEW-YORK FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.

*RUSSIA.....WED., Dec. 22|PARTHIA.....WED., Jan. 5
CHINA.......WED., Dec. 29|ABYSSINIA..WED., Jan. 12

Steamers marked * do not carry steerage passengers.

Cabin passage, $80, $100, and $130, gold, according to accommodation. Return tickets on favorable terms.

Steerage tickets to and from all parts of Europe at very low rates. Freight and passage office, No. 4 Bowling green. CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent.

PASSENGERS PER STEAM-SHIP RUSSIA embark from the Cunard wharf, foot of Grand st., Jersey City, at noon, on WEDNESDAY, 22d December, 1875.
CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN,
No. 4 Bowling Green, New-York.

WHITE STAR LINE.

FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL, CARRYING UNITED STATES MAIL.

NEW AND FULL-POWERED STEAM-SHIPS.

Sailing from New-York on SATURDAYS from Liverpool on THURSDAYS, calling at Cork Harbor each way.

GERMANIC.....SATURDAY, Jan. 1, at 8 A. M.
CELTIC.....SATURDAY, Jan. 8, at 2 P. M.
ADRIATIC.....SATURDAY, Jan. 15, at 8 A. M.
BALTIC.....SATURDAY, Jan. 22, at 2 P. M.

From White Star Dock, Pier No. 52 North River.

These steamers are uniform in size and unsurpassed in appointments. The saloon, staterooms, smoking and bath rooms are amidships where the noise and motion are least, affording a degree of comfort hitherto unattainable at sea.

Rates—saloon, $60, $80, and $100, gold; return tickets on favorable terms; steerage, $28.

Drafts from £1 upward.

For inspection of plans and other information apply at the Company's offices, No. 37 Broadway, New-York.
R. J. CORTIS, Agent.

INMAN LINE.

Royal Mail Steamers are appointed to sail as follows
FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

CITY OF BROOKLYN.....Tuesday, Dec. 28, at 3 P. M.
CITY OF CHESTER....Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1876, at 10 A. M.
CITY OF MONTREAL.....Saturday, Jan. 8, at 2 P. M.
CITY OF BERLIN.....Saturday, Jan. 15, at 8 A. M.
CITY OF RICHMOND.....Saturday Jan. 22, at 2 P. M.

and each succeeding Saturday from Pier No. 45 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

CABIN.....$60, $80 and $100, Gold
STEERAGE.....$28, Currency

Drafts issued at low rates.

For cabin passage and general business apply at the company's office, No. 15 Broadway.

For steerage passage at No. 32 Broadway, or Pier No. 45 North River. JOHN G. DALE, Agent.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMERS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, VIA PLYMOUTH.

The splendid vessels on this favorite route for the Continent (being more southerly than any other,) will sail from Pier No. 50 North River, as follows:

*PEREIRE, Danre.....Saturday, Dec. 25
FRANCE, Trudelle.....Saturday, Jan. 8

PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD, (including wine,) first cabin, $110 to $120, according to accommodation. Second cabin, $72; third, $40. Return tickets at reduced rates. Steerage, $26, with superior accommodation, including all necessaries without extra charge. Steamers marked thus * do not carry steerage passengers.
LOUIS DE BEBIAN, Agent, 55 Broadway.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

(Via Queenstown,)
CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAIL.
TUESDAY.

Leaving Pier No. 46 North River as follows:

WYOMING.....Dec. 28, at 6:30 A. M.
NEVADA.....Jan. 4, at 10 A. M.
IDAHO.....Jan. 18, at 10 A. M.
DAKOTA.....Jan. 25, at 3 P. M.
WISCONSIN.....Feb. 1, at 2:30 A. M.

RATES FOR PASSENGERS REDUCED.

Steerage, $26; intermediate, $40; cabin, $65 to $80, according to stateroom. Steerage office, No. 29 Broadway. General offices, No. 63 Wall st.
WILLIAMS & GUION.

STAR BALL LINE.

United States and Brazil Mail Steam-ships,
Sailing regularly every month from WATSON'S WHARF, BROOKLYN, N. Y.,
For Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio Janeiro,
Calling at ST. JOHN'S, PORTO RICO,

NELLIE MARTIN, 3,000 tons.....Jan. 23, at 1 P. M.
JOHN BRAMALL, 2,500 tons.....Feb. —
J. B. WALKER, 2,700 tons.....March —

When 23d falls on Sunday steamers sail the day previous.

These steamers are perfectly new, with all the latest improvements, having first-class passenger accommodations.

For freight and passage at reduced rates apply to J. S. TUCKER & CO., Agents, No. 54 Pine st.

GREAT SOUTHERN

FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE, SAILING FROM PIER NO. 29 NORTH RIVER, WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS at 3 P. M.
FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., FLORIDA, THE SOUTH, AND SOUTH-WEST.

GEORGIA.....WEDNESDAY.....DEC. 22
CHAMPION.....SATURDAY.....DEC. 25

SUPERIOR PASSENGER ACCOMMODATIONS.

Insurance to destination one-half of one per cent. Goods forwarded free of commission. Passenger tickets and bills of lading issued and signed at the office of

JAMES W. QUINTARD & CO., Agents,
No. 177 West st., corner Warren,
Or W. P. CLYDE & CO., No. 6 Bowling green,
Or BENTLEY D. HASELL, General Agent
Great Southern Freight Line, 317 Broadway.

ATLAS MAIL LINE.

BI-MONTHLY SERVICE TO JAMAICA, HAYTI, COLOMBIA, and ASPINWALL, and to PANAMA and SOUTH PACIFIC PORTS (via Aspinwall.) First-class, full-powered iron-screw steamers, from Pier No. 51, North River:

FOR PORT-AU-PRINCE, KINGSTON, AUX CAYES, and JACMEL:
ETNA.....Dec. 22.
FOR SANTA MARTHA, SAVANILLA, ASPINWALL ISTHMUS OF PANAMA, and SOUTH PACIFIC PORTS (via Aspinwall:)
ATLAS.....Dec. 28.
FOR KINGSTON, AUX CAYES, and JACMEL:
CLARIBEL.....Jan. 8.

Superior first-class passenger accommodation.
PIM, FORWOOD & CO., Agents, No. 56 Wall st.

NORTH GERMAN LLOYD.

STEAM-SHIP LINE BETWEEN NEW-YORK, SOUTHAMPTON, AND BREMEN.
Company's Pier, foot of 2d st., Hoboken.

SALIER.....Sat., Jan. 1 | MOSEL.....Sat., Jan. 15
NECKAR.....Sat., Jan. 8 | HERMANN.....Sat., Jan. 25

RATES OF PASSAGE FROM NEW-YORK TO SOUTHAMPTON, HAVRE, OR BREMEN:

First cabin.....$100 gold
Second cabin.....60 gold
Steerage.....30 currency

Return tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid steerage certificates, $32 currency. For freight or passage apply to OELRICHS & CO., No. 2 Bowling green.

ANCHOR LINE. CARRYING U. S. MAIL.

NEW-YORK AND GLASGOW.

ELYSIA.....SATURDAY, Dec. 25, at 2 P. M.
CALIFORNIA.....SATURDAY, Jan. 1, at 8 A. M.

NEW-YORK TO GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, OR LONDONDERRY.

Cabin passage, $65, $75, and $80, currency.
Intermediate, $35; Steerage, $28.
Company's offices, No. 7 Bowling green.
HENDERSON BROTHERS, Agents.

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FROM PIER NO. 29 NORTH RIVER,
EVERY WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY, AT 3 P. M.
INSURANCE TO DESTINATION ONE-HALF PER CENT.
GREAT REDUCTION IN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER RATES.
ALWAYS AS LOW AS BY OTHER LINES,
AND NO DETENTIONS.

Goods loaded on steamer when shipped.
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GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE, CENTRAL RAILROAD OF GEORGIA AND ATLANTIC AND GULF RAILROAD.
FOUR STEAM-SHIPS PER WEEK, TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, AND SATURDAYS.

GENERAL BARNES, Capt. CHESSMAN, THURSDAY, Dec. 23, from Pier No. 43 North River, at 3 P. M.
WILLIAM R. GARRISON, Agent, No. 5 Bowling green.

SAN SALVADOR, Capt. NICKERSON, SATURDAY, Dec. 25, from Pier No. 43 North River, at 12 M.
WILLIAM R. GARRISON, Agent, No. 5 Bowling green.

ASHLAND, Capt. CROWELL, SATURDAY, Dec. 25, from Pier No. 12 North River, at 12 M.
R. LOWDEN, Agent, No. 93 West st.

LEO, Capt. DANIELS, TUESDAY, Dec. 28, from Pier No. 16 East River, at 3 P. M.
MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents, No. 62 South st.

Insurance on this line ONE-HALF PER CENT. Superior accommodations for passengers.

Through rates and bills of lading in connection with Central Railroad of Georgia, to all points.

Through rates and bills of lading in connection with the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad and Florida steamers.

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No. 409 Broadway.

NEW-YORK, HAVANA AND MEXICAN MAIL S. S. LINE.

Steamers leave Pier No. 3 North River at 3 P. M.
FOR HAVANA DIRECT.

CITY OF MEXICO.....Tuesday, Dec. 28
CITY OF VERA CRUZ.....Thursday, Dec. 30
CITY OF NEW-YORK.....Thursday, Jan. 6

FOR VERA CRUZ AND NEW-ORLEANS,
Calling at HAVANA, PROGRESO, CAMPEACHY, TUSPAN, and TAMPICO

CITY OF MEXICO.....Tuesday, Dec. 28
CITY OF HAVANA.....Tuesday, Jan. 18

For freight or passage apply to F. ALEXANDRE & SONS, Nos. 31 and 33 Broadway.
Steamers will leave New-Orleans Dec. 10 and Jan. 1 for Vera Cruz and the above ports.

WILSON LINE FOR SOUTHAMPTON AND HULL.

Sailing from Pier No. 53 North River:

BINDOO.....Jan. 5|NAVARINO.....Feb. 2
COLOMBO.....Jan. 19|OTHELLO.....Feb. 16

First cabin, $70, currency; second cabin, $45, currency; excursion tickets on very favorable terms. Through tickets issued to Continental and Baltic ports. Apply for all particulars to CHARLES L. WRIGHT & CO., No. 56 South st.

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RED STAR LINE.

Appointed to carry the Belgian and United States mails. The following steamers are appointed to sail
FOR ANTWERP.

From Philadelphia. | From New-York.
NEDERLAND.....Dec. 22|STATE OF NEVADA..Jan. 4
VADERLAND.....Jan. 12|SWITZERLAND.....Jan. 26

FROM ANTWERP.

For Philadelphia. | For New-York.
VADERLAND.....Dec. 25|SWITZERLAND.....Jan. 4
NEDERLAND.....Jan. 15|STATE OF NEVADA..Jan. 28

PRICES OF PASSAGE IN CURRENCY.
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Steerage tickets to and from all parts at the lowest rates.

Passenger accommodations for all classes unsurpassed.

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These first-class full-powered steamers will sail from Eagle Pier, Hoboken Ferry, New-Jersey, as follows:

STATE OF VIRGINIA.....Thursday, Dec. 30
STATE OF INDIANA.....Thursday, Jan. 13
STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.....Thursday, Jan. 27

And every alternate Thursday thereafter. First cabin, $60, $70, and $80; return tickets, $120. Second cabin, $45; return tickets, $80. Steerage at lowest rates.
Apply to AUSTIN BALDWIN & CO., Agents,
No. 72 Broadway, New-York.
Steerage office No. 45 Broadway.

NATIONAL LINE.

From Piers Nos. 44 and 47 North River.
FOR LONDON DIRECT.

ERIN.....Saturday, Dec. 25, at 9 A. M.
CANADA.....Tuesday, Jan. 4, 9 A. M.

FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

Egypt, Jan. 1, 8 A. M. | Spain, Jan. 15, 8 A. M.
Helvetia, Jan. 8, 1:30 P. M.

Cabin passage, $60 and $70, currency. Steerage at greatly reduced price. Return tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid steerage tickets from Liverpool at the lowest rates. Apply at the company's office, No. 69 Broadway.
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PACIFIC MAIL S. S. LINE.

FOR CALIFORNIA, JAPAN, AND CHINA.
Sailing from Pier No. 42 North River,
For Aspinwall.

COLON.....FRIDAY, Dec. 31
touching at all Central American and Pacific ports.

EXCURSION TICKETS
TO THE CHILIAN EXPOSITION AND RETURN,
Good till March, 1876, $351, gold.
Outward, only $221, gold.

From San Francisco for Japan and China.
CITY OF PEKING.....Jan. 1
FROM SAN FRANCISCO for AUSTRALIA and NEW-ZEALAND, via HONOLULU SANDWICH ISLANDS,
Steam-ship ———.....Monday, Jan. 3

For freight or passage apply at Pier No. 42 North River.
H. J. BULLAY, Superintendent.

NEW-YORK AND HAVANA DIRECT MAIL LINE.

These first-class steam-ships sail regularly at 3 P. M. from Pier No. 13 North River, as follows:

CRESCENT CITY.....THURSDAY, Dec. 23
COLUMBUS.....TUESDAY, Jan. 4

Accommodations unsurpassed. For freight or passage apply to WM. P. CLYDE & CO., No. 6 Bowling green; McKELLER LULING & CO., Agents in Havana.

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For Port Royal, S. C.; Fernandina, Fla.; Brunswick, Ga., the favorite and well-known steamer MONTGOMERY, Faircloth, Master, having superior accommodations for passengers, will sail THURSDAY, Dec. 23, from Pier No. 8 North River at 3 P. M., for above ports, making connections with all points south and south-west, via Port Royal, the Florida and Brunswick Railroads.

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Trains leave New-York from foot of Desbrosses and Courtlandt sts., as follows:

Express for Harrisburg, Pittsburg, the West and South, with Pullman Palace Cars attached, 9:30 A. M., 6 and 8:30 P. M. Sunday, 6 and 8:30 P. M.

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Express for Philadelphia, 7, 7:30, 8:40, 9:30 A. M., 12:30, 3, 4, 4:10, 5, 6, 7, 8:30, 9, P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 5, 6, 7, 8:30, and 9 P. M. Emigrant and second class, 7 P. M.

For Newark at 6, 6:30, 7, 7:40, 8, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4, 4:10, 4:30, 4:50, 5, 5:20, 5:40, 6:10, 6:20, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8:10, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 5:20, 6:30, 7, and 8:10 P. M.

For Elizabeth, 6, 6:30, 7, 7:40, 8, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4, 4:10, 4:30, 4:50, 5:20, 5:40, 6:10, 6:20, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8:10, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 5:20, 6:30, 7, and 8:10 P. M.

For Rahway, 6, 6:30, 7, 7:40, 8, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 2:30, 3:10, 3:40, 4, 4:10, 4:30, 4:50, 5:20, 5:40, 6:10, 6:20, 6:30, 7, 8:10, 10 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 5:20, 6:30, and 7 P. M.

For Woodbridge, Perth Amboy, and South Amboy, 6 and 10 A. M., 2:30, 4:50, and 6:20 P. M.

For New Brunswick, 7, 8, and 11 A. M., 2, 3:10, 4:10, 5:20, 6:10, 7 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday 7 P. M.

For East Millstone, 11 A. M., 3 and 5:20 P. M.

For Kingston and Rocky Hill, 8:40 A. M. and 4:10 P. M.

For Princeton, 7, 8:40 A. M., 12:30, 2, 4:10 and 7 P. M.

For Lambertville, 9:30 A. M., 2, 3 and 4:10 P. M.

For Phillipsburg and Belvidere, 9:30 A. M. and 2 P. M.

For Flemington, 9:30 A. M. and 3 P. M.

For Mercer and Somerset Branch, 3 P. M.

For Trenton, Bordentown, Burlington, and Camden, 7:30 and 9:30 A. M., 12:30, 2, 4, 5, and 7 P. M.

For Freehold, 7:30 A. M., 2 and 4:10 P. M.

For Farmingdale and Squan, 7:30 A. M. and 2 P. M.

For Hightstown, Pemberton, and Camden, via Perth Amboy, 2:30 P. M., and via Monmouth Junction, 4:10 P. M.

For Hightstown and Pemberton, 6 A. M. via Perth Amboy, and 7:30 A. M. via Monmouth Junction.

Trains arrive as follows: From Pittsburg, 6:55 and 10:30 A. M. and 9:20 P. M., daily; 10:15 A. M. and 7:40 P. M. daily, except Monday. From Washington and Baltimore, 6:20 A. M., 4:05, 5:15, and 10:27 P. M. Sunday, 6:20 A. M. From Philadelphia, 5:10, 6:20, 6:55, 10:15, 11:20, 11:54 A. M., 2:15, 4:05, 5:15, 6:10, 7:40, 8:44, 9:20, 10:27 P. M. Sunday, 5:10, 6:20, 6:55, 11:54 A. M., 7:40, 9:20, and 10:27 P. M.

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Winter Arrangement of through trains, December, 1875. From Chambers Street Depot. (For 23d st. see note below.)

9:00 A. M., daily, except Sundays, Cincinnati and Chicago Day Express. Drawing-room coaches to Buffalo and sleeping coaches to Cincinnati and Detroit. Sleeping coaches to Chicago.

10:45 A. M., daily, except Sundays, Express Mail for Buffalo and Niagara Falls. Sleeping coach to Buffalo.

7:00 P. M., daily, Pacific Express to the West. Sleeping coaches through to Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Cincinnati, and Chicago without change. Hotel dining coaches to Cleveland and Chicago.

7:00 P. M., except Sundays, Western Emigrant train.

Above trains leave Twenty-third Street Ferry at 8:45 and 10:15 A. M., and 6:45 P. M.

For local trains, see time-tables and cards in hotels and depots.

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11:00 A. M., Northern and Western Express.

4:00 P. M., Montreal Express, with sleeping cars from New-York to St. Albans, arriving at Montreal 8:50 A. M.

6:00 P. M., Express, with sleeping cars, for Watertown and Canandaigua. Also, for Montreal via Plattsburg.

8:00 P. M., Pacific Express, daily, with sleeping cars, for Rochester, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Cleveland and Cincinnati; also for Chicago, via both L. S. and M. C. Railroads.

11:00 P. M., Express, with sleeping cars, for Albany and Troy. Way trains as per local Time Table.

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LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD.

ARRANGEMENT OF PASSENGER TRAINS, Aug. 8, 1875.

Leave depots foot of Cortlandt and Desbrosses sts. at

7 A. M.—For Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Hazleton, Beaver Meadow, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Mount Carmel, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Elmira, &c., connecting with trains for Ithaca, Auburn, Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and the West.

1 P. M.—For Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Hazleton, Mahanoy City, Shenandoah, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Tunkhannock, &c., making close connection for Reading, Pottsville, and Harrisburg.

4 P. M.—For Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, and Mauch Chunk, stopping at all stations.

6:30 P. M.—Night Express, daily, for Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Elmira, &c., connecting with trains for Ithaca, Auburn, Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and the West. Pullman's sleeping coaches attached.

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WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

Commencing Dec. 1, 1875.—Leave New-York as follows:

5:30 A. M.—News Train for Easton, Belvidere, Bethlehem, Bath, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Tamanend, Wilkesbarre, Pottsville, Scranton, &c.

6:15 A. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.

7:45 A. M.—Way Train for Flemington and Easton, connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

9:00 A. M.—Morning Express, Daily, (except Sundays,) for Easton, Allentown, Harrisburg, and the West. Connects at Easton for Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Towanda, Wilkesbarre, Pottsville, Scranton, Danville, Williamsport, &c.

10:15 A. M.—Way Train for Somerville and Flemington.

1 P. M.—Express for Flemington, Easton, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Mahanoy City, Hazleton, Wilkesbarre, Reading, Columbia, Lancaster, Ephrata, Pottsville, Harrisburg, &c.

2:45 P. M.—Express for Easton, Belvidere, Bath, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, and Scranton.

3:30 P. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.

4:00 P. M.—Way Train for Easton, Allentown, and Mauch Chunk. Connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

4:30 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville and Flemington.

5:00 P. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.

5:15 P. M.—Evening Express, daily, for Easton, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, Towanda, Reading, and Harrisburg.

5:30 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.
6:00 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.
6:30 P. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.
7:00 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.
8:30 P. M.—For Easton.
9:30 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.
12:00 P. M.—Way Train for Dunellen.

For Elizabeth at 5:30, 6:15, 6:35, 7:00, 7:30, 7:45, 8:00, 8:45, 9:00, 9:30, 10:15, 11:15, A. M., 12:00 M., 12:45, 1:00, 2:00, 2:45, 3:00, 3:30, 3:45, 4:00, 4:15, 4:30, 4:45, 5:00, 5:15, 5:30, 5:45, 6:00, 6:15, 6:30, 7:00, 7:40, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:15, 12:00 P. M.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of DAVID J. JOHNSON and DAVID G. DESSAU, bankrupts.—In Bankruptcy.—Southern District of New-York, ss.—David J. Johnson, one of the said bankrupts, having applied to the court for a discharge from his debts, by order of the court, notice is hereby given to all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons in interest, to appear on the twenty-fifth day of January, A. D. 1876, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at Chambers of the said District Court, before Isaac Dayton, one of the Registers of the said Court in Bankruptcy, at his office, number 322 Broadway, in the City of New-York, Room number 6, and show cause why the prayer of the said petition of the bankrupt should not be granted, and why a discharge should not be granted to the said bankrupt.—Dated New-York, 18th December, 1875.
d22-1aw3wW* GEO. F. BETTS, Clerk.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of MOSES M. LAIRD, bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy.—No. 5,259.—Before James F. Dwight, Register.—To whom it may concern: The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of Moses M. Laird, of the City of New-York, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, within said district, who has been adjudged bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said district, which was filed on 23d day of October, A. D. 1875.—Dated at New-York, the 14th day of December, A. D. 1875.
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of JOHN HEITNER, bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy.—Southern District of New-York, ss.: At the City of New-York, on the fourth day of December, 1875.—The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of the estate and effects of John Heitner, of the City of New-York, in said District, who was, on the twenty-third day of October, A. D., 1875, adjudged a bankrupt, upon the petition of his creditors, by the District Court of the United States for the said Southern District of New-York.
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SUIT AGAINST THE BROOKLYN RING.

A HISTORY OF THE CASES AGAINST KINGSLEY, KEENEY, FOWLER, AND OTHERS.

Formal suit has been begun by John E. Parsons, of this City, acting on behalf of the Attorney General, against William C. Kingsley, Abner C. Keeney, William A. Fowler, Edward J. Lowber, and Archibald M. Bliss. The people of the State are the plaintiffs in the action, which is brought to recover the sum of $456,125, with interest, alleged to have been fraudulently obtained from the City of Brooklyn in the Hempstead Reservoir job. The complaint in the case is very long, and is a careful and accurately drawn statement, giving the history of the alleged fraud, and was sworn to on Monday. From it, it appears that the reservoir was constructed under the act of Feb. 18, 1871, providing "for the further supply of the City of Brooklyn with water, and for the payment of the expenses thereof." The Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners were given charge of the plan for furnishing the additional supply of water, and for extending the system, as it then existed, by the building of reservoirs, conduits, &c., as approved of by a resolution of the Board of Aldermen, passed on Dec. 12, 1870. The whole expense was not to exceed $1,400,000. The Water Board, among other matters, was to acquire in the name of the city the title to the necessary lands, ponds, and streams. The plan referred to, as approved of by the Board of Aldermen, was one which had been sent in by the Water Commissioners, in accordance with a previous legislative enactment passed May 5, 1870. It provided for the construction of a reservoir in the town of Hempstead, to be used for the storage of a large quantity of water which was to be retained there until required for use in Brooklyn. The contract for the construction of the reservoir was given to Kingsley & Keeney by the Water Commissioners on Jan. 9, 1872. Kingsley & Keeney agreed to do the work in a firm and substantial manner, and to furnish the labor and materials, for all of which they were to receive pay according to certain specified rates, which would bring the amount up to $1,377,400. This was subsequently reduced to $1,151,184 18.

Under this contract they have received the latter amount, which it is claimed exceeds by $456,725 the amount for which the work could have been well and satisfactorily done pursuant to the terms of the contract.

Messrs. Fowler, Lowber, and Bliss were members of the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners at the time of the award of the contract for the building of the reservoir, and were obliged by the terms of the charter of the City of Brooklyn to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder after publication for proposals. According to the statements made in the complaint this was what they did not do. It is charged that they entered into a scheme with Kingsley & Keeney to allow the latter to defraud the city. With this view they caused the passage of the two acts in question and of the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, and entered into an arrangement whereby Kingsley & Keeney were to obtain the job at a price far beyond the fair and reasonable value of the work. In pursuance of this scheme it is alleged that the defendants fraudulently combined to create a public sentiment in favor of the building of the reservoir by stating that a necessity existed therefor, that the water supply of the city was inadequate, and that there was danger of a deficiency, when in truth such was not the case. To give color to their statements it is said that they caused a waste of the existing supply of water. It had been previously agreed between the Board of Commissioners and Kingsley & Keeney that in case the scheme should prevail the latter were to have the contract at prices so far above the fair and reasonable prices as to enable them to obtain large sums of money fraudulently from the city. The Water Board, after getting authority to go on with the plan caused specifications to be made, but did not advertise for proposals. Instead this they invited proposals from certain persons specially selected for the purpose, their intention being to have these persons furnish proposals at prices which should be somewhat larger than the prices proposed by Kingsley & Keeney. In spite of the efforts of the Commissioners, however, to have all bids higher than those of Kingsley & Keeney, one bid was made which aggregated only $1,377,400, against one of a larger amount, put in by the favored contractors. Kingsley & Keeney were notified of this by the Water Commissioners and hastened to put in a smaller bid which aggregated $1,151,184 18. This they did by changing the specifications in their first bid, and the contract was then awarded to them. This reduction it is claimed was also the result of a concerted arrangement between the defendants, it appearing that by the draining of certain ponds in the vicinity of the proposed reservoir, the cost of construction would be greatly reduced. This fact was communicated to Kingsley & Keeney, but not to the other contractors who had put in bids. Before the execution of the contract a responsible contractor named William Beard, was willing to do the work for $731,600, but he was not permitted to see the plans and specifications. A further charge against the Commissioners is that, after receiving the offer of Kingsley & Keeney, they greatly enlarged the area of the proposed reservoir, thereby enabling their favorite contractors to obtain their extravagant contract price upon greatly-increased quantities, though they knew and intended it thereby to be impossible for the work to be done within the limit fixed by the act of 1871. The whole of this course of conduct on the part of the Commissioners is claimed to have resulted from their agreement with Kingsley & Keeney whereby the latter were to be enabled to obtain large sums of money wrongfully from the city. Part of this money, it is charged, was to be used in aid of the attempts of Fowler, Lowber, and Bliss to receive political positions. A direct charge of fraud is also made against the Commissioners for not discharging their duties honestly, but, instead, colluding with Kingsley & Keeney in defrauding the city.

FREIGHT RATES TO CHICAGO REDUCED.

The following notice in regard to a reduction of rates of freight between this City and Chicago, was posted in the Produce Exchange and in other public places down town yesterday forenoon:

"The Erie Railway has decided and has notified the other trunk lines that if positive information is not received by to-day from the Grand Trunk Railway Company that that route will advance its rates from Boston to those now charged from New-York, and so maintained, it will reduce its through tariff from New-York, to take effect from to-morrow, so that the merchants of New-York will be able to compete with those of Boston for Western trade."

In the afternoon it was learned that the managers of the Grand Trunk had declined to accede to the proposition made by the New-York lines, and the Erie management at once determined to reduce their rates so as to place the New-York merchants on an equal footing with those of Boston. They have adopted the following schedule of rates to Chicago: First class, 30 cents per 100 pounds; second class, 25 cents; third class, 20 cents; fourth class, 20 cents, and special class, including sugars, coffee, &c., 15 cents. The rates to the same point from Boston, via the Grand Trunk are: First class, 40 cents per 100 pounds to Chicago; second class, 40 cents; third class, 30 cents; fourth class, 25 cents, and special class, 15 cents.

Corresponding reductions will, of course, be made by the other trunk lines.

THE POLICE AND THE MASKED BALLS.

At the meeting of the Board of Police yesterday letters were received from committees representing the Cercle Francais De L'Harmonie and the Leiderkranz Society, requesting permission to hold fancy dress and masked balls, on condition that on arriving the maskers should uncover to the Police at the door, and resume their disguise on reaching the dancing floor. The matter was referred to the counsel of the board for his opinion as to the legal powers of the board in the matter. Sergt. Combs was transferred from the Twenty-second Precinct to the Sanitary Squad, and Sergt. Russell from the Sanitary Squad to the Twenty-second Precinct. Sergt. Rooney was transferred from the Twelfth to the Seventeenth Precinct; Sergt. Reynolds was transferred from the Twenty-first to the Twelfth Precinct, and Sergt. Bergholz from the Seventeenth to the Second District Court. Sergt. James, of the Second District Court, was remanded to active duty in the Twenty-first Precinct.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC DOCUMENTS STOLEN.

On the 11th inst., two important public documents were stolen from a desk in the office of District Attorney Phelps, and subsequently found in the possession of Henry N. Allen, an employe in the Auditor's department of the Western Union Telegraph Company. Allen was arrested and committed to the Tombs. The documents were a requisition from Gov. Tilden on the Canadian authorities for the body of William J. Sharkey, the fugitive murderer of Robert G. Dunn, who, it was reported, was sojourning in the Dominion, together with the necessary extradition warrant from the Secretary of State. In view of the importance of the papers stolen, and the necessity of keeping their abstraction and subsequent recovery from the knowledge of Sharkey's friends, the matter was kept a profound secret until yesterday, when, the necessity for silence no longer existing, the nature of the papers stolen was for the first time published in THE TIMES. Detective Tilley, of the Merchants' Detective Bureau, who was dispatched to Canada with the necessary papers by District Attorney Phelps, to effect the arrest of Sharkey, returned and announced that the man supposed to be the murderer was not him, but an individual bearing a marvelous resemblance to the notorious fugitive. There being no longer any necessity for continuing the isolation in which Allen had been placed since his incarceration, his counsel yesterday made application for his release on bail, in the District Attorney's office, and bail was fixed at the nominal sum of $500, which was furnished by Terence Lynch, of No. 79 University place. Allen was then released, reiterating his former statement that he had not stolen the documents, but that they had been abstracted by a messenger boy and brought to him. The probability is that the contents of the stolen documents were ascertained and communicated to the friends of Sharkey, who were thus enabled to warn the murderer of the steps being taken for his capture, and render the mission of Detective Tilley a failure.

THE MERCURY IN BAD CONDITION.

UNFAVORABLE REPORT REGARDING THE SCHOOL-SHIP—THE RESULT OF THE EXAMINATION BY A BOARD OF VISITORS.

The Board of Visitors to the school-ship Mercury, consisting of prominent citizens and naval officers, who were recently invited to visit the ship and report upon her condition, with such recommendations as might be deemed beneficial to the inmates, yesterday submitted the result of their investigations and the desired suggestions. The visitors were Capt. S. B. Luce, United States Navy, Chairman; Commander Richard W. Meade, United States Navy; Commander H. B. Robeson, United States Navy; Surgeon H. M. Wells, United States Navy; B. S. Osbon, Henry L. Hoguet, and Theodore Roosevelt, the latter two Commissioners of the State Board of Charities. The committee made a thorough examination of the ship, conducted examinations of the boys in academic and other branches of study, and examined Capt. Gregory as to the working of the present system of instruction. They found the Mercury in the main well adapted to the purpose of a school-ship. The ventilation, however, was defective. The general appearance of the ship was neat and clean, but the appartments occupied by the seamen, known as the forecastle, was found in such a discreditable condition as to neutralize the favorable impression first made upon the board. The boys were found in a better state of health than could be expected from their very light clothing. There was not one boy on the sick list. Their general appearance, barring the clothing, was pleasing; that is to say, the visitors noticed while passing along the ranks, many full ruddy faces, and clear bright eyes; and in the main the boys seemed to be cheerful, nearly all expressing the one great desire, to go to sea.

Organization, as generally understood on board this class of vessel, does not, in the opinion of the visitors, exist on board of the Mercury, the boys being divided into two watches simply, and into messes. The Committee on Discipline and Organization state in their report that "the boys appeared docile and obedient, and many of them animated by a spirit which, under a better organization, might be turned to very great account in the making of sailors for the merchant marine."

In the department of moral and academic training the examination was not at all satisfactory. There was no opportunity afforded the board to see the boys exercise aloft, as the sails were unbent and the weather too cold. From such examinations as could be made under the circumstances the board was not favorably impressed, either with the method of teaching or the proficiency of the scholars. The bedding of the boys, too, was scanty and dirty, as if they had in this particular, at least, closely followed their seniors of the forecastle.

The following table is included in the report, as showing the annual cost of the school-ship:

Date.	No. of Boys.	Annual Cost.	Cost per Capita. cents.
1870	277	$59,846 53	59.4
1871	285	54,146 22	52.1
1872	287	52,455 88	50.1
1873	268	56,970 21	58.2
1874	250	37,437 56	41
1875	233	28,537 88	40.3

In conclusion, the board recommends to the Commissioners of Charities that some definite and well digested system be adopted as early as practicable to regulate the admission, training, and transfer of the beneficiaries of the school. It is suggested that the classes of boys admitted should be confined to the homeless and destitute and those who have been committed for juvenile delinquencies. Even those, it holds, should be subjected to a rigid physical and mental examination, and only those who evince a taste and aptitude for a seafaring life should be selected. After making other suggestions, the board also recommends that the ship be sent to sea on regular cruises, and that before going to sea and on returning she be inspected by an expert.

BRIC-A-BRAC SALE.

AUCTION OF RARE AND COSTLY ARTICLES—THE PRICES REALIZED.

The sale of Oriental wares, rare pottery, bric-a-brac and textile fabrics, at Clinton Hall, Astor place, continues to attract the attention of those interested in antiquities; but for the most part the prices realized were far below the value of the articles. The lot on exhibition still comprises many costly, rare, and beautiful objects, although the antique bronzes and most of the more valuable pottery have already been disposed of. The sale yesterday embraced articles of varied character, the more important being a lot of cloisonne enamels. The enameled bronzes done in the peculiar manner called cloisonne, in which the different colors are inclosed within their proper bounds by a net-work of vines, which form the pattern, are perhaps superior to any other. No one will say they are equal to the ancient enamels, and yet it would be difficult to point out the quality in which they are inferior. Of this lot, a pair of extremely fine vases of globular form, the neck in two sections and long, superbly enameled in every part, with floral, arabesque, and Oriental decorations in bright colors, on deep turquois ground, sold for $120. Another pair, cylindrical in form and decorated with butterflies, flowers, and berries, the general color a deep turquois blue, brought the same amount. A tea-pot enameled with light medallions and borders in deep ultramarine blue ground, gilt handle, and enameled spout and cover, brought $35: it was worth at least $150. A pair of vases of cylindrical form, slightly contracting at the base, the neck spreading at the top, with vertical rim, exotic flowers and colored borders forming the subject of the decorations, the prevailing color being a fine turquois blue, sold for $50 to Mr. William Trowbridge, the Brooklyn antiquarian. The *faiences d'art* also brought extremely low prices. A remarkable and rare palissy vase, covered with shells, lizards, &c., applied to the surface and painted in the colors of nature, brought only $50. The textiles from Africa and the Orient went for a mere trifle. A rich white cashmere embroidered burnous cloak sold for $5 50, while one of white camel's hair from Tunis brought but $4. There was a lot of silk handkerchiefs, Turkish slippers, Japanese vases, and other bric-a-brac disposed of. The sale will be continued this afternoon.

MACMILLAN & CO.

The visitor to Macmillan & Co.'s, No. 21 Astor place, expects to be introduced to a library containing some of the finest specimens of art literature and printing to be found in the country; and he is not disappointed. Whatever the skill of the designer and engraver the printer and the bookbinder can do to enhance the value of a book, is shown in the works which cover the tables and crowd the shelves in this store; and it would be possible to form a magnificent library of books of art without making a purchase outside of it. The choicest things in literature, unconnected with art, may also be found here; for the house of Macmillan & Co. seem to aim always to publish the best and the choicest of literary works. In this class may be mentioned Prof. Jowett's *Dialogues of Plato*, in five volumes, with analyses and introductions; a work which is a library in itself, and has placed the Oxford Professor among the highest authorities on Greek literature. *The Age of Pericles; a History of the Politics and Arts of Greece, from the Persian to the Peloponnesian War*, is another book, the work of Mr. W. Watkiss Lloyd, which is the best yet written on its subject; Prof. Mahaffy's *Social Life in Greece, from Homer to Menander*, and Prof. Jebb's *Attic Orators, from Antiphon to Isaeos*, complete the list of works dealing with ancient Greece which this house has published of late, and are of inestimable value to the student and the scholar. Matthew Arnold's new book, *God and the Bible*, which has attracted so much attention, and provoked no little speculation and controversy regarding its author, is published by Macmillan; with former works of this celebrated writer. *The Sabbath of the Fields, and other Papers*, by Rev. Hugh Macmillan, LL.D., is a book greatly in demand by clergymen and Biblical students; and Prof. Ward's *History of English Dramatic Literature to the Death of Queen Anne*, and Rev. W. W. Skeat's *Shakespeare's Plutarch's Lives*, may also be mentioned as among the latest and most popular works in standard literature. In works of a lighter character, the Marquis of Lorne's new poem, *Guido and Lita*; and Palgrave's *Children's Treasury of English Song*, Miss Yonge's novel, *My Young Alcides*, the *Ridicula Rediviva Series of Nursery Rhymes*, are mostly called for. An art series, being works of the most celebrated old masters, is published by Macmillan, and the volumes already issued are superb specimens of workmanship. The latest is the *Life and Works of Correggio*, from the German of Dr. Julius Meyer. This beautiful book is adorned with twenty woodburytype illustrations, copies of the most famous picutures of the great artist, and is a fitting companion to the *Michael Angelo, Albrecht Dürer, Raphael of Urbino*, and *Leonardo da Vinci*, published some time since. Another magnificent art work is the Princess Marie Liechtenstein's *Holland House*, with woodburytype illustrations and India proofs of the steel engravings. It is in two volumes, and the large paper edition is really an edition *de luxe*. *Rome and the Campagna* is another book in the same style, and there is a large display of elegant gift-books, which the visitor will find it hard to part from without purchasing.

PROSPECTS OF THE CURLING SEASON.

The numerous curling clubs of this City, Brooklyn, and New-Jersey, are busy making preparations for this Winter sport. Several matches have been arranged, and the season promises to be an exciting one. The great annual contest, the North versus South, will be played at Prospect Park, Brooklyn, on Jan. 4, or on the first fair day thereafter, weather and ice permitting. This contest is the most important match played during the curling season. The curling match for the Gordon medal will be played on Jan. 11, at Central Park. The match between New-York and New-Jersey will be played at Paterson, N. J., on Jan. 18. There will be ten rinks and forty players on each side. This game promises to be a very interesting one. The New-Jersey Curling Club has been matched against the New-York Caledonian Club, of this City. The game will be played on Jan. 22.

MUNICIPAL REFORMS SUGGESTED.

SESSION OF THE SENATE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE—WORKINGS OF THE EXCISE DEPARTMENT.

The Senate committee, investigating the affairs of the various departments of this City, held a brief session yesterday at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. The first witness called was Mr. James L. Stewart, who testified that he had been President of the Board of Excise since 1873. The witness then described the workings and condition of the Excise Department. He was of the opinion that the practice of giving discretion to the board in the matter of fixing the amount of license was wrong; that there should be only one grade at a fixed price, or, at most, two grades; that is, if there is but one grade, $100 should be charged for all licenses. Parties should also be compelled to take out a license before they begin business, and there should be some restriction in the number of licenses granted. The houses, and not the individual, should be licensed. As the law was at present constructed, one Commissioner could not do the work so well as it is being done by the present board. There would be too much power concentrated in the hands of one man, and the duties would be too onerous for one man.

Mr. William H. Stiner, a member of the Board of Excise Commissioners, was the next witness sworn. Mr. Stiner thought the present Excise law very defective in many particulars; it was almost impossible to secure the conviction of parties who are arrested for violation of the law; the board ought to be empowered to sue the parties civilly, and to restrain them, by injunction, from doing any business until after the fine is paid; the license fee should be fixed at a uniform rate.

The next witness was Mr. Horace Russell, who testified that he was at one time Assistant District Attorney; the law in relation to forfeited recognizances, Mr. Russell thought, should be changed; as the law is at present constructed the giving of bail amounted, practically, to nothing; if the law was properly amended it could be made a source of revenue to the City to the amount of $100,000 to $200,000 per annum; the law in relation to assaults should also be amended, so as to make an assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm, no matter with what instrument, punishable more severely than a simple assault and battery. Mr. Russell referred to the law in relation to persons appointed as trustees, receivers, &c., and said that it should be so amended that a person holding money in a fiduciary capacity of any kind, and converting it to his own use, could be held criminally responsible; the present conveniences for the transaction of the criminal business of the City, Mr. Russell said, were entirely inadequate; the Grand Jury room, for instance, was very defective, and not fit even to confine criminals in.

The last witness was Mr. Russell Brasie, who was asked by Mr. Davenport if he had ever had any experience in the matter of overcharges in any of the courts of the City. The witness replied that he had; that he once had a case in the First District Civil Court, in which he was charged $2 for the summons and $2 50 for the complaint. As soon as his case was called up it was dismissed on the ground that he was a non-resident.

The committee adjourned to 10:30 o'clock this morning.

A PERSISTENT INCENDIARY.

A third attempt was made yesterday morning to destroy the three-story frame dwelling at One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street and Cortlandt avenue, Morrisania. On Wednesday and Thursday of last week the building was set on fire, but the flames were promptly discovered and extinguished before any damage had been sustained. At 6 o'clock yesterday morning a third attempt was made to burn the building by setting fire to a pile of shavings in a back room on the second floor of the house, and the flames were again extinguished before any damage was done. The premises are owned by Mr. F. Thomas, who, aided by the Police, is endeavoring to discover and punish this persistent incendiary.

DEAL AT KNOX'S.—Handsome Furs of every description at all of Knox's stores—No. 212 Broadway, No. 533 Broadway, and in the Fifth Avenue Hotel—at exceedingly reasonable prices. A present of a nice set of Furs is the most appropriate kind of holiday gift. Embroidered Smoking-caps as presents for gentlemen. —*Advertisement.*

PASSENGERS SAILED.

In steam-ship Cleopatra, for Savannah.—J. Babcock and wife, Mr. Bray, H. H. Bryam, Thomas Bray, O. F. Olmstead, E. C. Bryant, M. C. Taylor, Henry Martin, P. B. Bachman, Charles E. Small, Amos Archibald, James St. Ouze, D. D. Merrill, L. H. Lewis and wife, Henry Bryant, Mrs. Bryant, Miss A. Bryant, S. Bryant, S. Breneauh, J. C. Merriam, C. B. Nash, F. B. Watson, T. Rafferty, John Dowell, Henry Stein.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

In steam-ship City of Brooklyn, from Liverpool.—Col. Joseph Noble, Charles E. Brayton, O. S. Firmin, Charles B. Passy, Frank Barnum, Mr. Linder, Thomas Longmoore, Mr. Dryll, A. Grenier, John Whitworth, George J. Hayles, F. H. Brahe, B. P. Sherman, A. Hemenway, J. Biddlecope, Mrs. Biddlecope and infant, Maurice Levy, T. Scott, Jr., George Whitelock, Miss A. S. Emery, Miss Ethel Lings, Stafford Gorwyn.

In steam-ship San Salvador, from Savannah.—H. Lewis, H. Russell, A. Barringer, C. Konstann, Miss M. Green, M. Gordon, D. Hull, J. P. Mowry, S. Brockheim, D. McGaughlin, D. Usher, R. A. Usher.

In steam-ship Wyoming, from Liverpool.—James A. Lippincott, G. Delamey, Joseph Hoges, G. Reis, Mr. and Mrs. Ethell, C. Leet, J. Kessock, T. Clayton, J. Heffer, E. Meyer, and 28 steerage.

MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises.....7:21 | Sun sets.....4:36 | Moon rises..2:33

HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.

Sandy Hook...3:32 | Gov. Island...4:21 | Hell Gate...5:43

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK..............TUESDAY, Dec. 21.

CLEARED.

Steam-ships Wyanoke, Couch, Norfolk, City Point, and Richmond, Old Dominion Steam-ship Co; Cleopatra, Bulkley, Savannah, Ga., Murray, Ferris & Co.; Glaucus, Bearse, Boston, Mass., H. F. Dimock; Wisconsin, (Br.,) Freeman, Liverpool, via Queenstown, Williams & Guion; Ellen S. Terry, Salyer, Newbern, N. C., J. J. White.

Ship Kendrick Fish, Fisk, London, Eng., Snow & Burgess.

Barks Cort Adler, (Norw.,) Olsen, London, Funch, Edye & Co.; Rebecca Caruana, Johnson, Glasgow, Scotland, Waydell & Co.; Chimora, (Norw.,) Haave, Dundee, Scotland, C. Tobias & Co.; Trait de Union, (Br.,) Ballou, Jacmel, Hayti, R. Murray, Jr.; La Bella, (Norw.,) Skave, Bremen, Ger., C. Tobias & Co.; Ninevah, Wyman, Smyrna, Turkey, via Boston, Mass., Miller & Houghton.

Brigs Spray Bloom, (Br.) Ganion, Montevideo, Uruguay, Hatton, Watson & Co.; Memphis, (Br.,) McBurnie, Halifax, N. S., Crandall Bros.; J. H. Kennedy, Hickman, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Thomas Norton & Co.; Alma, (Ger.,) Tiemann, Trieste, Aust., C. Tobias & Co.

Schrs. Georgie Staples, Maloney, Falmouth, Jam., B. F. Metcalf & Co.; Ada W. Gould, Daniel, Port Limon, Costa Rica, W. R. Grace & Co.; Mary Norvell, Davidson, Cienfuegos, Cuba, Simpson, Clapp & Co.; Anne Jones, Jones, Georgetown, Dem., Leaycraft & Co.; Thomas W. Holder, Saunders, Point-a-Pitre, Guad., and Basseterre, St. Kitts, Leaycraft & Co.

ARRIVED.

Steam-ship Atlas, (Br.,) Low, Aux Cayes Dec. 9, Jacmel 11th, and Kingston 14th, with mdse. and passengers to Pim, Forwood & Co. Had 2 ds. strong northerly gales, and lay to 6 hours; Dec. 15, 40 miles S. of Cape Maize, Cuba, passed steam-ship Alps, hence, for Kingston; same date, 10 miles S. of do., steam-ship Henry Chauncey, do.

Steam-ship City of Brooklyn, (Br.,) Tibbits, Liverpool Dec. 9, via Queenstown 10th, with mdse. and passengers to John G. Dale. Dec. 11, 200 miles W. of Fastnet, passed ship Southern Rights, from Savannah, for Havre; 18th, at 2 P. M., 598 miles E. of Sandy Hook, a three-masted schr.-rigged steam-ship bound W.

Steam-ship San Salvador, Nickerson, Savannah Dec. 18, with mdse. and passengers, to W. R. Garrison.

Steam-ship Champion, Lockwood, Charleston Dec. 18, with mdse. and passengers, to J. W. Quintard & Co.

Steam-ship Wyanoke, Couch, Richmond, City Point, and Norfolk, with mdse. and passengers to Old Dominion Steam-ship Co.

Steam-ship C. F. Funch, (Belg.,) Knudsen, Antwerp Dec. 4, with mdse. and passengers to Funch, Edye & Co. Had strong westerly winds on the passage.

Steam-ship Huntsville, Chester, Fernandina Dec. 17, via Port Royal 18th, with mdse. and passengers to Herm. Gelpcke.

Steam-ship Ashland, Crowell, Savannah Dec. 18, with mdse. and passengers to Robert Lowden.

Steam-ship Nereus, Berry, Boston.

Bark Florence L. General, (new,) Simmons, Pass Christian, La., with lumber to master.

Bark Kuma, (Aust.,) Begna, Maryport 65 ds., in ballast to Siocovich & Co.

Brig Rosario, (of Liverpool,) Aird, Rio Janeiro Oct. 3, via Hampton Roads Dec. 16, with coffee to B. G. Arnold & Co.—vessel to George F. Bulley. Crossed the equator Oct. 31, in lon. 32 W.; Oct. 29, lat. 4 42 S., lon. 33 14 W., spoke bark Oregon, (Br.,) from Sunderland, 33 ds. out, bound S.

Brig Charles A. Hoard, (of Yarmouth, N. S.,) Messenger, Aguadilla, P. R., 14 ds., with mdse. to J. V. Onatavia & Co.—vessel to Simpson & Shaw.

Brig Geo. Harris, Cousins, Savannah 14 ds., with lumber to Carver & Barnes.

Brig Salas, (Span.,) Femenia, Cienfuegos, in ballast, to J. De Rivera & Co.

Schr. Eveline, Wilder, Tampico 37 ds., with mdse. to S. W. Wilson & Co.

Schr. Kate D. Turner, Chambers, Jacksonville 8 ds., with yellow pine to Drew & Buckı—vessel to Overton & Hawkins.

Schr. Isle of Pines, Smith, Norfolk, with live oak and lumber to Overton & Hawkins.

Schr. Maria Seward, Applegate, Baltimore, with corn to Slaght & Petty.

Schr. Frank Walters, Saxon, Norfolk, with lumber to Slaght & Petty.

Schr. A. C. Buckley, Young, Georgetown, D. C.

Schr. William R. Hulton, Gardner, Baltimore.

Schr. Lucie Wheatley, Wheatley, Baltimore.

Schr. M. A. Ivins, Bodine, Virginia.

Schr. Jennie Hall, Osborne, Virginia.

Schr. Samuel L. Richards, Young, Lynn.

Schr. Bella Peck, Peck, New-Haven.

Schr. Sarah J. Gurney, Gurney, New-Haven.

Schr. George Gurney, Gurney, New-Haven.

Schr. Kate Kallahan, Lewis, New-Haven.

Schr. Cherub, Fletcher, Somerset.

Schr. Sparkle, Shopshire, Norwich.

Schr. S. L. Crocker, Trasher, Taunton.

Schr. Anthony Burton, Johnson, Providence, for Port Johnson.

Schr. Champion, Luvey, Providence.

Schr. Annie M. Allen, Conklin, Boston, for Baltimore.

Schr. Express, Tilton, Boston, for Philadelphia.

Schr. B. L. Sheman, Phinney, Boston.

Schr. L. A. Rose, Tolles, Boston.

Schr. Chas. B. Wood, Gandy, Boston, for Philadelphia.

Schr. Kate Mitchell, Young, Boston, for Philadelphia.

WIND—Sunset, light, S.; cloudy.

SAILED.

Steam-ships Wisconsin, for Liverpool; City of Sydney, for San Francisco; Cleopatra, for Savannah; Wyandoke, for Norfolk, &c.; ships Ne Plus Ultra, for London; Tam O'Shanter, for San Francisco; barks Hancock, for Oporto; Gna, for Cork or Falmouth; Thos. Brooks, for St. Iago.

MARINE DISASTERS.

The schr. J. T. Weaver, from Jacksonville, Fla., for Newark, N. J., belonging at Providence, R. I., on Friday, Dec. 17, at 1 o'clock A. M., wind blowing heavy from S. W. by S., and cloudy, steering N. E. by E., speed eight knots, made a steamer's mast-head light ahead; kept our course about fifteen minutes; was closed upon the steamer when saw her green light; put our wheel to starboard to avoid collision; about the same time steamer put her wheel to port, striking us on starboard quarter, smashing boat, starboard quarter, and breaking main boom, we heading about W. when she struck us; hailed the steamer but got no reply; did not stop to see whether we were in sinking condition or not; repaired damages as well as possible, and proceeded on our course and anchored off Sandy Hook about 6 o'clock P. M. same day.

FOREIGN PORTS.

CARDENAS, Dec. 19.—Arr. brigs Alice, (Br.,) Lewis, St. John, N. B.; Lulu, (Br.,) Givern, do.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 20.—Arr. steamer Bermuda, (Br.,) Cleaver, Portland.

HAVANA, Dec. 21.—Arr. steamer City of New-York, Timmerman, New-York.

Dec. 20.—Arr. brig Ernestine, Knight, Baltimore; schrs. C. F. Foster, Coombs, Newport, Eng.; Nancy M. Rose, Smith, New-York.

Dec. 19.—Sld. brigs Adria, (Br.,) Everett, S. of Hatteras; Herman, Hichborn, Mobile; schrs. H. L. Whiton, Rich, do.; J. C. Crowley, N. of Hatteras.

20th.—Bark Mercedes, (Sp.,) Fernandez, New-Orleans; brig Mayaguezana, (Sp.,) Fiol, Charleston; schr. Izetta, Hinks, New-York.

SINGAPORE, Dec. 20.—Sld. ship Douglass Castle, (Br.,) Skinner, Boston.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS BY CABLE.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Sld. Hermon, Silverhous, Angioletto Bozzo, Valkyrien, Charles H. Oulton, William Mallory, Jr., R. M. Heslin, Belle of the Bay.

Arr. Dec. 15, Candidezza Lauro; Dec. 19, Regia, Northern Queen, Acadian, Paul, Israel; Dec. 20, Abraham Young, (off Deal,) Stanley, S. R. Lyman, J. P. Wheeler, Brazos, L. L. Sturges, Eva Parker, Viola, M. & E. Cann, Primus, Belgium, Lady Dufferin, Helen Angier, Albert Williams, Battaglia, Demarchi, Maria, Nuovo Principio, Syringa, Pietro Accame, Tigre, Unicorn, Si, (the latter at Queenstown;) Dec. 21, Nereid, (lost her rudder,) Orneu, Graziella, (off Kingstown,) Waterloo, Mark Reed, Milo, Fleetwing, Andrew Jackson, Carrier Dove, Emily Augusta, Inspector, Juno, Emerald Isle, Glenroe, Maury, Rhine, Romo.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 21.—The National Line steam-ship Italy, Capt. Thomson, from New-York Dec. 9, for Liverpool, arr. here at 2 o'clock this morning.

The Cunard steam-ship Atlas, Capt. Hoseason, from Boston Dec. 11, for Liverpool, arr. at this port last night at 12 o'clock.

PLYMOUTH, Dec. 21.—The Hamburg-American steam-ship Klopstock, Capt. Winzen, from New-York Dec. 9, for Hamburg, arr. at this port this morning.

MOVILLE, Dec. 21.—The Allan Line steamer Prussian, Capt. Ritchie, from Portland Dec. 11, arr. here to-day on the way to Liverpool.

The steamer Victoria, Capt. Hedderwick, of the Anchor line, from New-York Dec 11, arr. here to-day on the way to Glasgow.

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